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THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S VISIT TO ISRAEL

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1. The Private Secretary has suggested that the most suitable dates for the Secretary of State's official visit to Israel might be between Wednesday, 22 and Friday, 24 March. This would follow an official visit to Italy on 14 and 15 March (please see Mr Graham's manuscript comments of 3 January on Mr Grattan's minute to him of 30 December).
2. These dates would almost certainly be acceptable to the Israelis. They (and HM Ambassador Tel Aviv) might however urge the Secretary of State to extend his stay by at least one night. They would argue that:
  - a. He would be unable to obtain full value from his visit if this were confined to only one full day.
  - b. The period of his stay in Israel should be comparable with that of his visit to Egypt in September (between 12 and 15 September).
3. These objections would be met if the Secretary of State could manage to arrive in Israel by the evening of 21 March. If this earlier departure is not possible it would be helpful to explain the reasons for this when instructing Mr Barnes to put firm dates to the Israelis.
4. I submit a draft telegram to Rome and Tel Aviv which is, I hope, self-explanatory. This has been agreed with Western European Department who will be minuting separately on the question of the Secretary of State's visit to Rome.

Michael Pike

M E Pike  
Near Eastern Department

5 January 1971

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JERUSALEM

4 October 1972

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(sic)  
Mr. Loxe.  
Mr. Pike.  
Mr. Enrie.  
AD 19/1 R.E.

Dear Tony,

ST JOHN OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL

1. John Barnes will no doubt be keeping you up to date on Lord Caccia's round of calls on Israeli Ministers and officials last week. Teddy Kollek took a helpful attitude throughout, as did the more influential ministers. But I should be surprised if the hospital succeeds in obtaining without further pressure the complete fiscal immunity which it enjoyed under the Turks, the Mandate and the Jordanians, and which is the only really satisfactory status for it.

2. Meanwhile Lord Caccia has suggested a helpful gesture which the Secretary of State could be recommended to make during his forthcoming visit to Israel, namely a brief visit to the Hospital. With St George's Cathedral Close, the hospital is much the most important British institution in any part of Jerusalem. A visit to it would once again underline British official interest in it, already expressed by John Barnes accompanying Lord Caccia on his calls on Israeli Ministers. It would also give encouragement to the many British people here in the hospital and other charitable institutions whose selfless work reflects greater credit on Britain than anything we diplomats can do. The fact that the hospital lies in East Jerusalem, where we do not accept Israeli jurisdiction, would mean that such a visit could not form part of the official programme, but - like the visit of the Secretary of State will presumably make to the Walled City - would be technically "private". There would be no need for the Secretary of State to make a tour of the hospital, and the visit should not take more than about 20 minutes of his time.

3. I am sending a copy of this letter to John Barnes, to whom Lord Caccia may since have spoken in the same vein. The latter said he would also take the opportunity of putting the idea personally to the Secretary of State when he next sees him.

Happy New Year!

Yours ever,

John

J M O Snodgrass

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I hope that

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The terms above  
dates will issue very  
soon

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Mr. Love  
Mr. Pike  
BRITISH EMBASSY,

TEL AVIV. R.E.

5th January 1972

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John Snodgrass sent me a copy of his letter of January 4th to you about Harold Caccia's visit.

Harold has indeed spoken to me of his idea that the Secretary of State might visit the St. John Hospital. As an alternative, he suggested that Lady Home might do this. I think either would be a good idea. If Lady Home goes, my wife would be delighted to go with her.

On the visit generally, I assume that the pattern would be a dinner by Mr. Eban and a return match by the Secretary of State and that the third evening would be devoted to a function with a body such as the Israel/ Commonwealth Association, at which public speeches would be made.

The Secretary of State should obviously be advised to visit the Consulate-General at Jerusalem, although I do not know if he need tour the walled city as well. I imagine he knows it. Otherwise he clearly should not go to occupied areas.

It is for the Israelis to suggest a programme. I imagine that there would be broadly two days of talks and one of sightseeing and public appearances. The days of talks could include calls on the Prime Minister and perhaps also the President. A call on the Mayor of Jerusalem would be inappropriate and I assume that anything too military should be avoided.

As for sightseeing, I should be glad to know what the Secretary of State would like. One possibility would be a flight to Eilat and a visit to the Timna copper mines, where British engineers are working on contract. Or there is the

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Technion at Haifa, where Evelyn de Rothschild is chairman of the board.

But these are only preliminary ideas to follow up my letter of January 3rd. I should like to start discussing dates and details as soon as possible with the Foreign Ministry and should be grateful for as much guidance as you can give me.

*James W. Barnes*

(E.J.W. Barnes)

④ Mr. Leveson  
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Secretary of State  
I don't at all mind  
missing the budget if  
that helps. 10/11  
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Mr Le Quesne  
Private Secretary

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SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICIAL VISITS TO ITALY AND ISRAEL

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1. As requested in the Private Secretary's minute of 3 January, I submit a draft telegram to Rome and to Tel Aviv. Mr James concurs in its terms.
2. I have changed the date of the Secretary of State's arrival in Israel from 22 March to 21 March with the agreement of the Private Secretary.

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R. M. Evans

R M Evans  
Near Eastern Department

5 January 1972

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I think that this is the best we can do.  
The budget is likely to be on Tues 21 Nov, and these dates will allow you to attend Cabinet before it, but will involve missing Cabinet on Thurs 23 Nov. Another factor is the likely fall of EEC debates, but we cannot forecast these at this stage.

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BRITISH EMBASSY,  
TEL AVIV.

3rd January, 1972

Dear Tony,

I wonder if you are yet in a position to set firm dates for the Secretary of State's visit here, which we could then clear with the Israel Foreign Ministry.

If it is to take place in March, we ought to reserve some dates as time is already all too short to make satisfactory arrangements. I am already fixing dates for dinner parties in April.

As you know, a decision was held up because of uncertainty about the date of the Budget and of the Secretary of State's visit to Italy. When I saw him on November 29th, however, the Secretary of State was not disposed to wait for the Italians, and in any case now that their Presidential elections are over I should hope it would be possible to come to an agreement with them. As for the Budget, the Secretary of State himself did not see any reason for him to be in Parliament for it, although I understand that people in the office have other ideas.

It is of course for the Israelis to suggest a programme, but if you have any particular points I should be grateful if you could let me know. We should of course be delighted if the Secretary of State and Lady Douglas-Home would stay with us and shall try to make them as comfortable as we can in this servantless land. But if they would rather go to an hotel, please let me know. We should probably also have room for a private secretary and a detective. I imagine in any case the Secretary of State would like to entertain

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Mr. LeQueene. I exchanged minutes about this with the Private Office (Mr. Gratton) last week. We have now drafted a telegram to Tel Aviv which proposes dates. I shall submit it before the end of to-day.

R.M. Evans  
5 January, 1972.

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Mr. Eban to dinner in our house during his visit.

Could you please let me have a reply by telegram?

Yours ever

John  
(E. J. W. Barnes)

As since dictating this letter, I have heard that the Prime Minister expressed some apprehension about the passage of time to us this morning and asked if we could tell him any more.

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JERUSALEM UKMIS NEW YORK WASHINGTON MOSCOW TRIPOLI PARIS BEIRUT  
AMMAN.

MY VISITS TO ITALY AND ISRAEL.

IT IS PROVING VERY DIFFICULT TO FIND DATES WHICH WOULD ALLOW  
ME TO VISIT ROME AND ISRAEL IN THE COURSE OF ONE TOUR WHILE  
FITTING INTO MY OTHER ENGAGEMENTS. I THINK IT IS INESCAPABLE  
THEREFORE THAT I MUST SPLIT THE TWO. THE MOST SUITABLE DATES FOR  
ME WOULD BE TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY 14/15 MARCH IN ROME (ARRIVING  
IN TIME FOR LUNCH ON THE 14TH AND LEAVING ON THE EVENING OF THE  
15TH): AND TUESDAY, 21 MARCH - FRIDAY 24 MARCH IN ISRAEL (ARRIVING  
FOR DINNER ON THE 21ST AND LEAVING IMMEDIATELY AFTER LUNCH ON THE  
24TH).

2. PLEASE ASK THE GOVERNMENTS TO WHICH YOU ARE ACCREDITED IF THESE  
DATES WOULD BE CONVENIENT TO THEM. I SHOULD NEED TO CONSIDER  
THE TIMING OF ANY ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE LIGHT OF THEIR REPLIES.

3. WE SHALL BE TELEGRAPHING SEPARATELY ABOUT THE OTHER POINTS  
TAKEN UP IN HM AMBASSADOR AT TEL AVIV'S LETTER TO MR. PARSONS OF  
3 JANUARY.

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Draft telegram  
to Tel Aviv

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YOUR TELEGRAM NO 15 TO ROME: YOUR VISIT TO ISRAEL.

THE FOREIGN MINISTRY CONFIRM THAT THE DATES SUGGESTED ARE  
AGREEABLE TO THE ISRAEL GOVERNMENT.

2. THEY HAVE ASKED IF WE CAN LET THEM KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE  
WHO I.E. HOW MANY, WILL BE COMING IN YOUR PARTY, SO THAT THEY  
CAN MAKE BOOKINGS IN GOOD TIME. THIS SUGGESTS THAT THEY ARE  
THINKING IN TERMS OF HOTELS. MY WIFE AND I NATURALLY HOPE THAT  
YOU AND LADY HOME WILL STAY WITH US, AS I SAID IN MY LETTER  
OF JANUARY 3RD TO PARSONS. I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING WHAT YOU  
WOULD LIKE ON THIS AND ON THE OTHER POINTS RAISED IN THAT LETTER  
AND IN MY LATER LETTER OF JANUARY 5TH. WE ARE LIKELY TO BE DRAWN  
INTO TALKING ABOUT THE PROGRAMME AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS IN THE  
NEXT FEW DAYS. SO I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR A TELEGRAM AS SOON  
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TO PRIORITY TEL AVIV TELEGRAM NUMBER 14 OF 14 JANUARY, INFO CAIRO, JERUSALEM, UKMIS NEW YORK, WASHINGTON, MOSCOW, TRIPOLI, PARIS, BEIRUT, AMMAN.

YOUR TELEGRAM NO. 22 : MY VISIT TO ISRAEL.

I AM GRATEFUL FOR YOUR OFFER TO ACCOMMODATE MY WIFE AND MYSELF TOGETHER WITH MY PRIVATE SECRETARY AND A DETECTIVE. I SHOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS UP AND HOPE THAT IT WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE ISRAELIS.

2. THE PARTY WILL CONSIST OF GRAHAM AND ONE OTHER PRIVATE SECRETARY, TWO GIRLS AND TWO DETECTIVES, PARSONS, LEAHY AND HIS PA AND PROBABLY ALSO A MEMBER OF NEAR EASTERN DEPARTMENT.

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3. I SHALL TELEGRAPH SUGGESTIONS SHORTLY ON THE FORM OF MY PROGRAMME AND THE TIMING OF ANY ANNOUNCEMENT.

4. MEANWHILE, I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD EXPLAIN TO THE ISRAELIS THAT, AS ONE OF THE MAIN PURPOSES OF MY VISIT WILL BE TO EXPLORE WAYS OF PROMOTING AGREEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE ARAB STATES, I SHALL WISH TO AVOID DOING ANYTHING WHICH COULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE IN THIS CONTEXT. I SHALL THEREFORE NOT BE ABLE TO VISIT EAST JERUSALEM (OR ANY OTHER OCCUPIED TERRITORY) UNDER ISRAELI AUSPICES. I SHOULD, HOWEVER, LIKE TO VISIT THE OLD CITY, AND PERHAPS OTHER PARTS OF EAST JERUSALEM, AND THINK THAT THE BEST PLAN MIGHT BE FOR ME TO SPEND A MORNING OR AN AFTERNOON THERE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF HM COUNSUL-GENERAL AND THE ANGLICAN ARCHBISHOP IN JERUSALEM.

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Your telegram No 22: MY VISIT TO ISRAEL.

1. I am grateful for your offer to accommodate my wife and myself together with my Private Secretary and a detective. I should like to take this up and hope that it will be acceptable to the Israelis.

2. The party will consist of Graham and one other private secretary, two girls and two detectives, Parsons, Leahy and his PA and probably also a member of Near Eastern Department.

3. I shall telegraph suggestions shortly on the form of my programme, and the timing of any announcement.

4. Meanwhile, I should be grateful if you would explain to the Israelis that, as one of the main purposes of my visit will be to explore ways of promoting agreement between Israel and the Arab states, I shall wish to avoid doing anything which could be counter-productive in this context. I shall therefore not be able to visit East Jerusalem under Israeli /auspices.

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auspices. I should, however, like to visit the Old City, and perhaps other parts of East Jerusalem, and think that the best plan might be for me to spend a morning or an afternoon there under the auspices of HM Consul-General and the Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem.

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Private Secretary.

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1. In paragraph 3 of FCO telegram to Tel Aviv No 14 of 14 January, the Secretary of State promised to telegraph suggestions "shortly" on the form of his programme during his visit to Israel and the timing of any announcement.

2. I submit a draft telegram to Tel Aviv which is, I hope, self-explanatory. News Department concur.

Michael Pike

M E Pike  
Near Eastern Department

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R. M. Evans

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During the visit of the Israeli Foreign Minister to London last November the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary accepted in principle an invitation to visit Israel. Sir Alec Douglas-Home would like to take this invitation up and to go to Israel from the afternoon of Tuesday, 21 March until the afternoon of Friday, 24 March. Sir Alec would be grateful for The Queen's approval for his absence from this country during this period.

Sir Alec Douglas-Home would remain in charge of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office during his absence but the Minister of State, Mr. Godber, would be available to deal with any immediate matters that arose during Sir Alec's absence.

(Sd.) J. A. N. GRAHAM

Lt.-Col. The Hon.

Sir Martin Charteris, KCVO, CB, OBE.,  
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YOUR TELEGRAMS NOS 14 AND 17: YOUR VISIT TO ISRAEL.

I SPOKE ON THE LINES OF YOUR TELEGRAM NO 14 TO HEAD OF SECOND EUROPEAN DEPARTMENT YESTERDAY. I WAS INEVITABLY DRAWN INTO SOME TENTATIVE DISCUSSION OF YOUR PROGRAMME, ALTHOUGH, NOT HAVING RECEIVED YOUR TELEGRAM NO 17 THEN, I MADE CLEAR THAT I DID NOT KNOW YOUR VIEWS AND COULD NOT COMMIT YOU.

2. ANUG READILY ACCEPTED THAT YOU WOULD WANT TO STAY WITH US AND I EXPLAINED THAT YOU WOULD BE NEARER TO YOUR COMMUNICATIONS AND SO ON. THE ISRAELIS HAD BEEN THINKING OF PUTTING THE WHOLE PARTY INTO THE KING DAVID HOTEL IN WEST JERUSALEM, BUT I SUGGESTED THAT IF YOU WERE AT OUR HOUSE, IT WOULD BE EASIER FOR THE REST OF THE PARTY TO BE AT AN HOTEL IN TEL AVIV.

3. THEY HAD ALSO BEEN THINKING OF TWO SESSIONS OF OFFICIAL TALKS, BUT THAT THESE MIGHT BE ON DIFFERENT DAYS, MR EBAN IS NORMALLY IN TEL AVIV ON THURSDAYS AND ON FRIDAY MORNINGS. BUT ANUG WAS NOT CERTAIN WHETHER HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO HAVE TALKS WITH A VISITING FOREIGN MINISTER OUT OF JERUSALEM. AS WILL BE SEEN, THIS WAS LINKED WITH OTHER POINTS.

4. FOR OTHER ENGAGEMENTS THEY HOPE TO ARRANGE A MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, BUT NOT THE PRESIDENT, ALTHOUGH THEY HOPED YOU WOULD SIGN HIS BOOK. THEY WONDERED IF YOU WOULD WANT ANY TIME FOR SIGHT-SEEING OUTSIDE JERUSALEM OR TEL AVIV AND TENTATIVELY SUGGESTED A VISIT TO AN ABSORPTION CENTRE FOR IMMIGRANTS AT ARAD, COMBINED WITH SEEING MASSADA. I MADE NO COMMITMENT ON THIS, AS IT HAS NO PARTICULARLY BRITISH CONNEXION AND YOU MIGHT NOT WANT TO SHOW TOO MUCH INTEREST IN IMMIGRANTS WHO MIGHT WELL INCLUDE RUSSIANS. IF YOU DO WANT SIGHT-SEEING OUTSIDE THE MAIN CITIES, A VISIT TO ONE OF THE TWO UNIVERSITIES WITH A BRITISH CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD MIGHT BE MORE APPROPRIATE.

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5. ON ENTERTAINMENT, THE ISRAELIS HAD ASSUMED THAT MR EBAN WOULD GIVE A DINNER IN JERUSALEM FOR YOU ON THE EVENING OF YOUR ARRIVAL AND I THINK THIS MIGHT BE EASIER FOR HIM THAN ON A WEDNESDAY OR THURSDAY EVENING. WITH THE IMPROVED ROAD, IT IS NOW ONLY SOME THREE-QUARTERS OF AN HOUR FROM OUR HOUSE TO JERUSALEM AND ALTHOUGH I UNDERSTAND YOUR WISH FOR A QUIET DINNER, I WONDER IF YOU WOULD BE PREPARED TO RECONSIDER THIS. IF YOU ARE COMING IN YOUR OWN AIRCRAFT, PERHAPS YOU COULD ARRIVE IN TIME FOR A REST BEFORE GOING OUT TO DINE. BY THE SAME TOKEN, I WONDER IF IT IS WORTH SPENDING ONE NIGHT IN JERUSALEM AFTER DINNER THERE, WITH THE NEED TO PACK SUITCASES AND SO ON. IT IS READILY UNDERSTOOD HERE THAT PEOPLE LEAVE DINNERS IN TIME TO BE HOME AT A REASONABLE HOUR.

6. WE SHALL OF COURSE BE DELIGHTED TO GIVE A DINNER ON THE THURSDAY EVENING AND I SHALL SUGGEST SOME NAMES LATER. I HOPE YOU WOULD BE HOST. BUT IF THE FIRST EVENING IS KEPT FREE, THEN THERE WILL BE NO CHANCE OF A PUBLIC DINNER WITH SPEECHES, WHICH WAS SUCH A SUCCESSFUL FEATURE OF MR EBAN'S VISIT TO LONDON. I HAD THOUGHT WE COULD USE THE WEDNESDAY EVENING FOR THIS AND THE ISRAEL-COMMONWEALTH ASSOCIATION IS THE ONLY OBVIOUS FORUM. THIS COULD OF COURSE BE IN TEL AVIV.

7. IT WOULD BE A BIT DIFFICULT TO HAVE A LARGE COCKTAIL PARTY IN OUR OWN HOUSE JUST BEFORE THE DINNER ON THURSDAY AS THE HOUSE IS NOT BIG ENOUGH TO USE SEPARATE ROOMS FOR THE TWO FUNCTIONS. I WONDER, THEREFORE, WHETHER, IF THERE WAS TO BE A PUBLIC DINNER ON THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT, WE COULD GIVE A PARTY BEFORE THAT AND ASK AS MANY REPRESENTATIVE PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE.

8. ANUG ALSO ASKED WHETHER YOU WOULD WANT TO MEET THE PRESS. ONE POSSIBILITY WOULD BE TO LUNCH WITH THEM ON THE FRIDAY, LEAVING FOR THE AIRPORT IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS. IF NOT, WE MAY HAVE TO FIND TIME FOR A SEPARATE PRESS CONFERENCE.

9. WHEN I EXPLAINED THAT YOU COULD NOT VISIT EAST JERUSALEM OR OCCUPIED TERRITORY UNDER ISRAELI AUSPICES, BUT THAT I THOUGHT YOU WOULD WANT TO SEE THE CONSULATE-GENERAL, ANUG SAID THAT THE BELGIAN, GERMAN AND ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTERS, AND EVEN MR ROGERS, HAD ALL VISITED THE OLD CITY UNDER ISRAELI AUSPICES /AND IF

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AND IF YOU DID NOT MAKE SOME SIMILAR GESTURE THERE MIGHT BE ADVERSE COMPARISON MADE TO OUR DISADVANTAGE. WE HAVE CHECKED THE FACTS AND FIND THAT KOLLEK ENTERTAINED THE EUROPEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS WHO ALSO VISITED THE WESTERN WALL UNDER ISRAELI AUSPICES, BUT THE CHRISTIAN AND MOSLEM HOLY PLACES UNDER THEIR OWN NATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS. MR. ROGERS WAS TAKEN ON AN IMPROMPTU TOUR OF EAST JERUSALEM BY KOLLEK AFTER A DINNER GIVEN BY MR EBAN.

10. I OF COURSE MADE NO PROMISES BUT I LATER HAD A CHANCE TO DISCUSS THIS WITH H.M. CONSUL-GENERAL. THERE SEEMED TO US TO BE THREE POSSIBILITIES :-

- (A) TO LUNCH WITH THE MAYOR IN WEST JERUSALEM, ALTHOUGH THIS MIGHT LEAD YOU TO BE PRESSED LIKE MR ROGERS TO ACCOMPANY KOLLEK INTO THE OLD CITY AND IT COULD CONCEIVABLY BE REPRESENTED AS A MEETING WITH THE MAYOR OF UNIFIED JERUSALEM SEMICOLON
- (B) TO MEET KOLLEK AT THE CONSULATE-GENERAL, BUT THIS WOULD OF COURSE <sup>MEAN</sup> MEETING THE MAYOR IN EAST JERUSALEM SEMICOLON
- (C) TO ASK THE ARCHBISHOP TO INVITE YOU, KOLLEK AND SNODGRASS TO ST. GEORGE'S CLOSE. THIS IS STILL IN EAST JERUSALEM, BUT IS MORE NEUTRAL TERRITORY. I AM NOT QUITE SURE WHAT YOU HAVE IN MIND ABOUT INVOKING THE ARCHBISHOP'S AUSPICES (PARA 4 OF YOUR TEL NO 14). I HAVE NOT SPOKEN TO HIM AS HE IS AWAY UNTIL THURSDAY EVENING.

11. I HOPE TOO THAT YOU COULD FIND TIME FOR A SHORT VISIT TO THE ST. JOHN OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL NEXT DOOR TO THE CONSUALTE-GENERAL. A COMMITMENT TO DO THIS MIGHT ENABLE YOU TO RESIST PRESSURE TO GO WITH THE ISRAELIS TO THE OLD CITY IF YOU ARE NOT PREPARED TO GO AS FAR AS YOUR AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN COLLEAGUES, AND VISIT AT LEAST THE WESTERN WALL UNDER ISRAELI AUSPICES, AS I HOPE YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO CONSIDER DOING. ANUG SUGGESTED THT IF YOU COULD DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS, IT WOULD NBE EASIER FOR MR EBAN TO HOLD A MEETING WITH YOU IN TEL AVIV, BUT I DO NOT THINK WE NEED PAY TOO MUCH IMPORTANCE TO THAT. /12.

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12. I AM SORRY TO TELEGRAPH AS SUCH LENGTH AND AS THIS IS ALL RATHER DOMESTIC I AM ONLY REPEATING THIS TELEGRAM SAVING TO JERUSALEM. BUT IF YOU ARE PREPARED TO CONSIDER SOME OF THE ABOVE SUGGESTIONS, A POSSIBLE PROGRAMME IS CONTAINED IN MY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING TELEGRAM.

13. MEANWHILE, I HAVE NOT PUT TO THE ISRAELIS THE IDEA OF AN ANNOUNCEMENT NEXT MONDAY AND IT MIGHT BE BETTER TO WAIT A LITTLE UNTIL WE CAN DISCUSS THE PROGRAMME MORE FIRMLY. BUT I SHALL OF COURSE DEAL WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT SEPARATELY IF YOU WISH.

14. ON A SMALL POINT, IF YOU ARE TO REMAIN IN CHARGE OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE AND WE CAN EXPECT A LARGE NUMBER OF TELEGRAMS, WE MAY NEED EXTRA DWS HELP. I HOPE THIS MAY BE POSSIBLE IF YOU ARE COMING IN YOUR OWN AIRCRAFT.

15. I DO NOT KNOW IF YOU WOULD WANT TO SEE ME IN LONDON BEFORE THE VISIT. IF SO, I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL TO BE TOLD THE DATE AS SOON AS CONVENIENT.

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TO IMMEDIATE FCO TEL NO 40 OF 18.1.72 INFO SAVING JERUSALEM.

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Tel to Tel Aviv

FOLLOWING IS POSSIBLE REVISED OUTLINE PROGRAMME:-

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TUESDAY, MARCH 21ST.

ARRIVE BY ABOUT 4 P.M.

DINE WITH MR EBAN IN WEST JERUSALEM.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22ND.

MORNING. SIGN PRESIDENT'S BOOK

OFFICIAL TALKS WITH MR EBAN

CALL ON PRIME MINISTER

LUNCH WITH MAYOR, CONSUL-GENERAL OR ARCHBISHOP, FOLLOWED  
BY VISITS TO ST. JOHN HOSPITAL AND OLD CITY.

EVENING COCKTAIL PARTY AT EMBASSY, FOLLOWED BY DINNER  
WITH ISRAEL COMMONWEALTH ASSOCIATION AT A TEL  
AVIV HOTEL.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23RD

SIGHT-SEEING OUTSIDE THE MAIN CITIES OR SECOND SESSION  
OFFICIAL TALKS WITH EBAN, POSSIBLY FOLLOWED BY FURTHER  
VISIT TO EAST JERUSALEM.

LUNCHEON WITH PRESS IF NOT SIGHT-SEEING

DINNER AT EMBASSY

FRIDAY, MARCH 24TH

SECOND SESSION OF OFFICIAL TALKS, PERHAPS IN TEL AVIV  
(IF NOT ON THURSDAY).

LUNCHEON WITH PRESS (IF NOT ON THURSDAY) AND LEAVE  
IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS.

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# THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICIAL VISIT TO ISRAEL

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1. I submit a draft telegram in reply to Tel Aviv telegram No 22 of 12 January. Paragraphs 1 and 2 of this draft have been agreed with Mr Grattan; paragraphs 3 and 4 take into account Mr Parsons's discussion with the Secretary of State this morning (on the question of his visit to East Jerusalem and the other occupied territories).

Michael Pike

M E Pike  
Near Eastern Department

13 January 1971

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R. M. Evans

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TO PRIORITY TEL AVIV TEL NO 17 OF 17/1 INFO TO CAIRO JERUSALEM  
UKMIS NEW YORK WASHINGTON SAVING TO BEIRUT AND AMMAN.

(8) MY TEL NO 14, PARAGRAPH 3: MY VISIT TO ISRAEL.

1. MY SUGGESTIONS ABOUT THE FORM OF THE PROGRAMME FOR MY VISIT  
ARE SET OUT IN PARAGRAPHS 2 - 5 BELOW. IF YOU SEE NO OBJECTION  
TO THEM, PLEASE BEAR THEM IN MIND WHEN DISCUSSING MY PROGRAMME WITH  
THE ISRAELIS.

2. I WOULD NATURALLY PREFER TO AVOID ANY FORMAL ENGAGEMENT ON  
THE EVENING OF 21 MARCH WHICH WOULD, I HOPE, BE SPENT QUIETLY AT  
YOUR HOUSE.

3. ON THE ASSUMPTIONS THAT:

A. THERE WOULD BE TWO SESSIONS OF OFFICIAL TALKS IN JERUSALEM  
ON 22 MARCH; AND

B. MR EBAN WILL WISH TO GIVE A DINNER FOR MY WIFE AND MYSELF IN  
WEST JERUSALEM ON THE EVENING OF 22 MARCH.

I THINK IT MIGHT BE SENSIBLE FOR US TO STAY OVERNIGHT AT A HOTEL IN  
WEST JERUSALEM RATHER THAN RETURN TO TEL AVIV LATE IN THE EVENING.

4. I COULD THEN VISIT THE OLD CITY, AND PERHAPS OTHER PARTS OF  
EAST JERUSALEM, EITHER IN THE MORNING OR AFTERNOON OF 23 MARCH,  
RETURNING TO TEL AVIV IN THE LATE AFTERNOON IN TIME FOR A RECEPTION  
IN THE EARLY EVENING FOLLOWED BY A DINNER IN HONOUR OF MR AND MRS  
EBAN (WHICH I HOPE YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO GIVE AT YOUR HOUSE).

5. I HOPE THAT LUNCHEON ON 24 MARCH WOULD BE INFORMAL SO THAT  
I COULD LEAVE LOD REASONABLY EARLY IN THE AFTERNOON. THIS MIGHT  
PERHAPS BE A SUITABLE OCCASION ON WHICH TO MEET SOME MEMBERS OF  
THE ISRAEL AND BRITISH COMMONWEALTH ASSOCIATION.

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6. PLEASE TELL THE ISRAELIS THAT I WOULD NOW LIKE TO MAKE PUBLIC THE DATES OF MY VISIT. SUBJECT TO THEIR AGREEMENT, NEWS DEPARTMENT WILL THEREFORE MAKE THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT AT NOON ON 24 JANUARY:

QUOTE THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY AND LADY DOUGLAS-HOME HAVE ALREADY ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE AN INVITATION TO VISIT ISRAEL AS GUESTS OF THE ISRAEL GOVERNMENT. IT HAS NOW BEEN AGREED THAT THIS VISIT WILL TAKE PLACE FROM 21 MARCH UNTIL 24 MARCH UNQUOTE.  
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My telegram No 14, paragraph 3: MY VISIT TO ISRAEL

1. My suggestions about the form of the programme for my visit are set out in paragraphs 2 - 5 below. If you see no objection to them, please bear them in mind when discussing my programme with the Israelis.

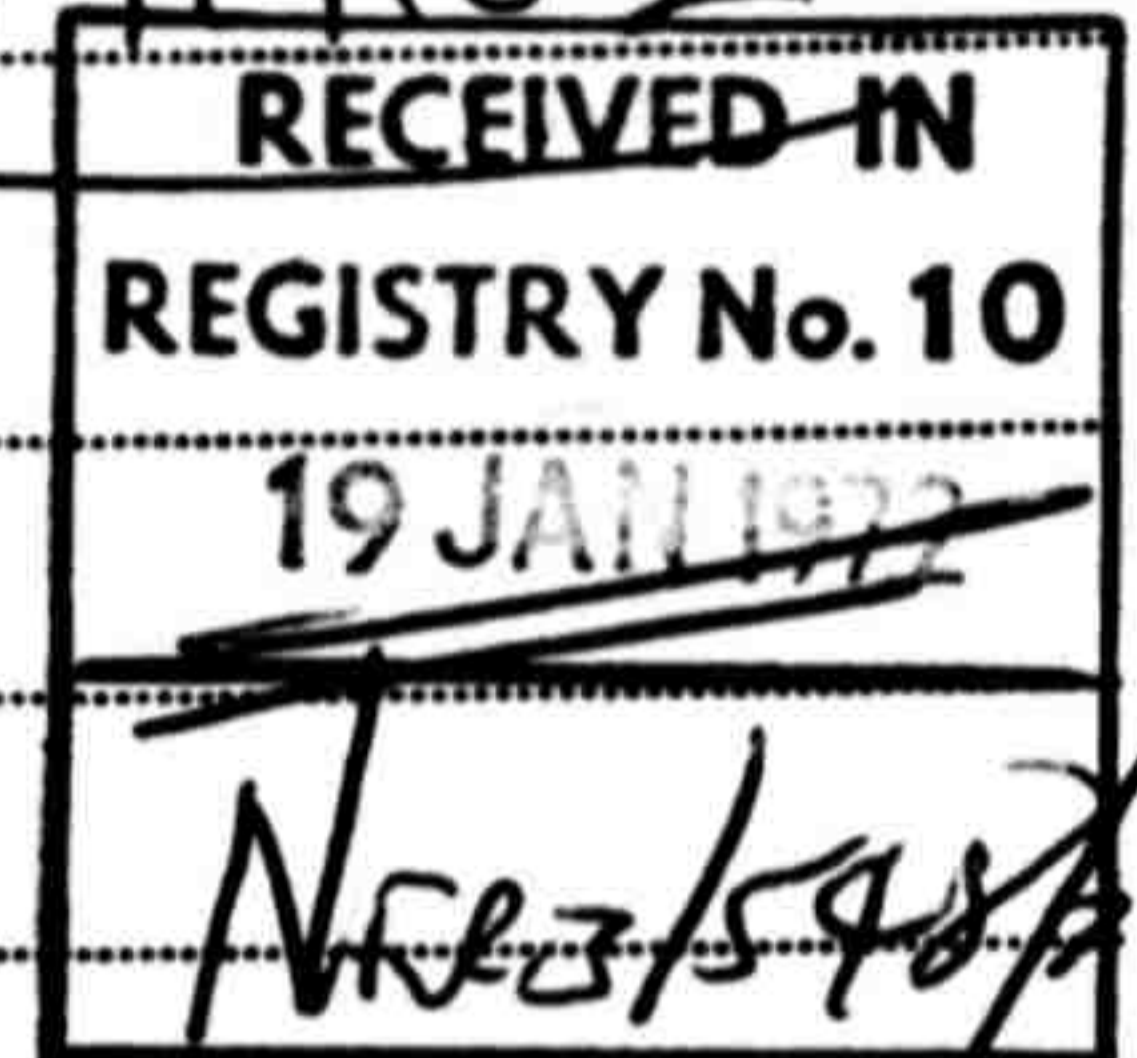
2. I would naturally prefer to avoid any formal engagement on the evening of 21 March which would, I hope, be spent quietly at your house.

3. On the assumptions that:

a. there would be two sessions of official talks in Jerusalem on 22 March; and

b. Mr Eban will wish to give a dinner for my wife and myself in West Jerusalem on the evening of 22 March, [I think it might be sensible for us to stay overnight at a hotel in West Jerusalem rather than return to Tel Aviv late in the evening.

4. I could then visit the Old City, and perhaps other parts of East Jerusalem, either in the morning or afternoon...



NOTHING TO BE WRITTEN IN THIS MARGIN

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afternoon of 23 March, returning to Tel Aviv in the late afternoon in time for a reception in the early evening followed by a dinner in honour of Mr and Mrs Eban (which I hope you would be able to give at your house).

5. I hope that luncheon on 24 March would be informal so that I could leave Lod reasonably early in the afternoon. This might perhaps be a suitable occasion on which to meet <sup>some</sup> members of the Israel and British Commonwealth Association.

6. Please tell the Israelis that I would now like to make public the dates of my visit. Subject to their agreement, News Department will therefore make the following announcement at noon on 24 January:

"The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary and Lady Douglas-Home have already accepted in principle an invitation to visit Israel as guests of the Israel Government. It has now been agreed that this visit will take place <sup>from</sup> ~~between~~ <sup>March until</sup> 21 ~~and~~ 24 March".

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11 TEL AVIV TELEGRAM NO 39. [S. OF S. VISIT TO ISRAEL]  
FULL DETAILS OF VISITS MENTIONED IN PARA 9 ARE IN MY LETTER  
TO BARNES OF 18 JANUARY, COPIED TO LAVER.

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Mr Laver

Near Eastern Dept

I discussed the Secretary of State's visit with Miss Strachan by telephone today. She is content with developments so far.

JPB 21/1

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SECRETARY OF STATE'S VISIT TO ISRAEL

1. I see from recent telegrams that plans for the Secretary of State's visit to Israel are beginning to take shape and I therefore think it is time that we started thinking about likely administrative requirements. These will include travel arrangements and a letter to the Embassy in some detail regarding living & office arrangements, security, communications, cars and so on.

2. As a start, could you let us know what the composition of the Secretary of State's party is likely to be and whether he will be travelling directly to Israel or via Italy? It would also be helpful to know whether you have had any correspondence with the Ambassador or Head of Chancery about accommodation or other logistical matters.

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S M Strachan (Miss)  
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TO IMMEDIATE FCO TELNO44 OF 21 JANUARY.

Tel to Tel Aviv.

MY TELEGRAM NO 39 PARAGRAPH 13.

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I TAKE IT THAT YOU AGREE TO POSTPONE THE PROPOSED  
ANNOUNCEMENT. I HAVE NOT YET SAID ANYTHING TO THE ISRAELIS.

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TO IMMEDIATE FCO TEL NO 3 OF 21 JANUARY INFO ROUTINE TEL AVIV.

⑤ YOUR TELNO 14 TO TEL AVIV AND TEL AVIV TELEGRAM

NO 39: YOUR VISIT TO ISRAEL.

⑪ IF YOU WISH TO KEEP STRICTLY TO THE TERMS OF PARA 4 OF YOUR  
TEL UNDER REFERENCE ABOUT VISITS TO EAST JERUSALEM, A COMPROMISE  
SUGGESTION WOULD BE TO VISIT THE WESTERN WALL UNDER JEWISH RELIG- } x  
IOUS (RABBINICAL) RATHER THAN OFFICIAL AUSPICES. THIS WOULD SEEM  
TO SATISFY LEGITIMATE ISRAELI ASPIRATIONS, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME  
BEING BETTER DEFENSIBLE AGAINST ARAB CRITICISM.

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[REPEATED AS REQUESTED]

x This point was  
taken into account  
when drafting a  
further telegram to  
Tel Aviv (regarding Jerusalem)  
on the Secretary of  
State's programing.  
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# PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION

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for ORAL answer on Thursday 20th January

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The draft reply should reach the Parliamentary Office through your Under-Secretary by *4*

*Noon Monday 17/1*

\*C Mr Gilbert Longden (South-West Hertfordshire): To ask the Prime Minister, if he will seek to make an official visit to Israel.

*This question was not reached.*

*W.P.L. 24/1*

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I have no plans at present to visit Israel. But my right honourable Friend the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary plans to go there on an official visit in March.

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Mr Parsons

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VISIT TO ISRAEL BY THE PRIME MINISTER : PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION  
BY MR GILBERT LONGDEN

1. I submit a draft Reply together with draft Replies to  
possible Supplementaries and a self-explanatory background note.

*P. M. Laver*

P M Laver  
Near Eastern Department

17 January 1972

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## REFERENCES

### NOTES FOR SUPPLEMENTARIES

#### 1. Other visits to countries in the Middle East

Neither my right honourable Friend, the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, nor myself, have <sup>made</sup> plans ~~at present~~ to visit other countries in the Middle East.

#### 2. The balance of visits by Ministers to the Middle East

There has been no bias in favour either of Israel or of the Arab States. My right honourable Friend, the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, visited the Arab Republic of Egypt from the 12th of September to the 15th of September 1971.

#### 3. Possible British initiative in the Middle East dispute

We continue to keep the situation under close review. We remain ready to help in any way open to us to promote the search for a settlement. The Middle East dispute will certainly be discussed by my right honourable Friend the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary during his forthcoming visit.

#### 4. British position <sup>on</sup> the Arab/Israel dispute

We want a peaceful settlement in the Middle East. We are ready to do all in our power to help bring about such a settlement. We believe that any settlement must be in accordance with the terms of the Security Council Resolution of November 1967.

/Our views...

Our views about how these terms might be applied remain as my right honourable Friend the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary set them out in the speech he made at Harrogate on the 31st of October 1970, a copy of which is in the Library of the House. There has been no change in our position or attitude towards the dispute.

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YOUR TELNO.44. (17)

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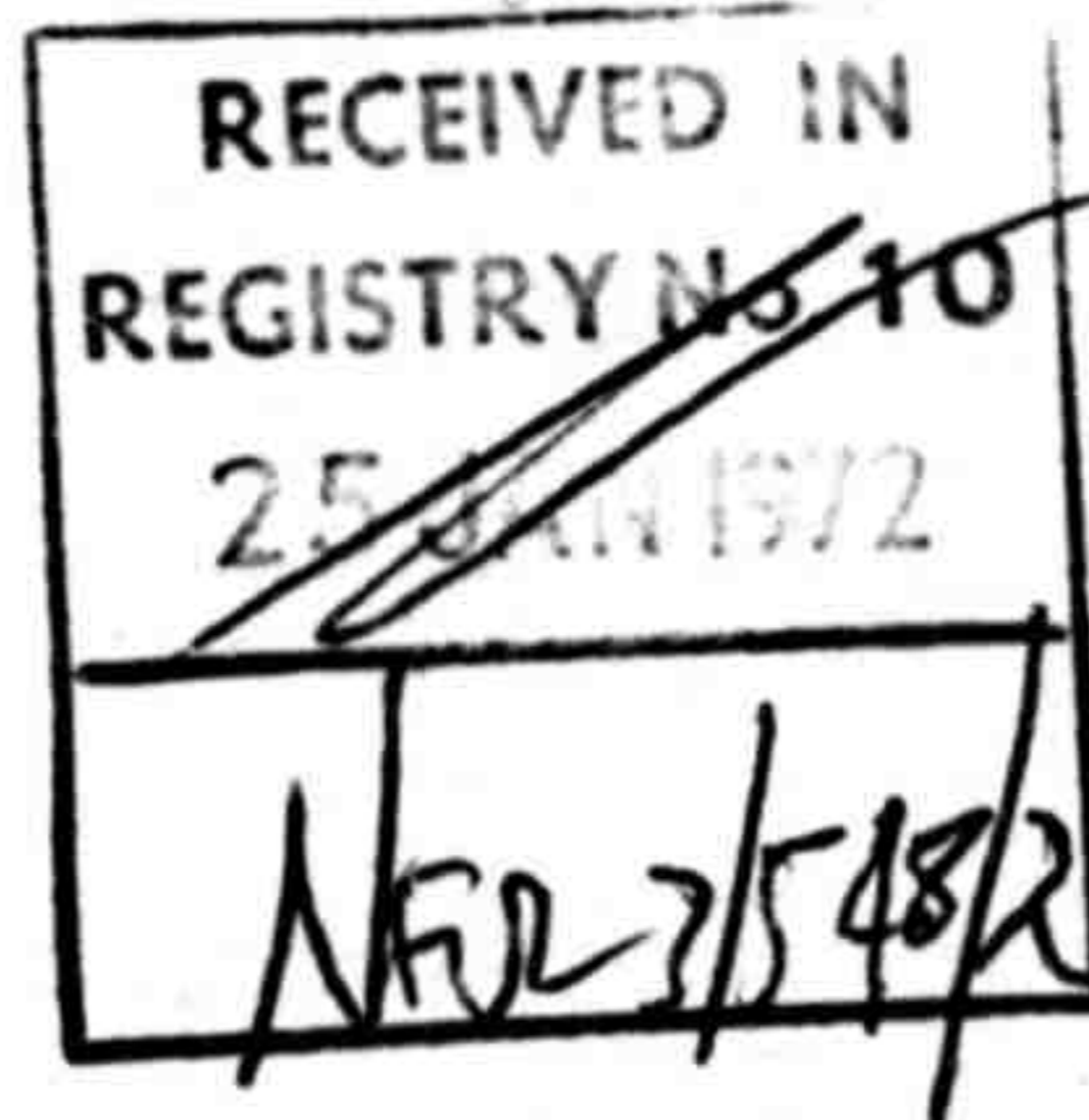
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Mr. Evans.



Mr. Laver ✓  
Mr. Pike ✓ 25/1.

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VISIT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO ISRAEL

1. I submit, as agreed, a draft Steering Brief for the Secretary of State's visit to Israel (in note form) together with a provisional list of subject briefs.
2. I suggest that we might now:
  - a) Use this draft Steering Brief as the basis for an informal discussion with Mr Parsons and Mr Evans both on the form and content of the Brief itself and on the time-table for preparation of the final version of the Brief, and its related subject briefs;
  - b) Prepare a full-length draft Steering Brief in the light of any amendments proposed at our informal discussion. This would be circulated to the departments concerned in the Office (and to the Private Secretary for his preliminary comments);
  - c) Convene a meeting under Mr Parsons's chairmanship of representatives of the departments concerned in order to decide on the final form of the Steering Brief and to co-ordinate action on the preparation of the related subject briefs. This meeting might take place about two weeks after the receipt by departments of the draft full-length Steering Brief (ie during the working week 14 - 18 February).

M E Pike  
Near Eastern Department

21 January 1972

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/ 1. We ...

1. We discussed. The only other subject we may need to cover in the briefing is Malta. The Israelis are very exercised about the possibility that the Sixth Fleet may be denied facilities there as the Russians granted them. They are also disturbed about Mr. Mintoff's flirtation with the Egyptians.

2. When we were preparing for Mr. Eban's visit, Departments found it useful to be given a steer on briefing by Mr. Persons. You agreed that we might invite them, in the Commissioning minute, to attend a meeting under his chairmanship once the steering brief had been circulated.

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I have submitted the outline to Mr. Persons under a separate minute.

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TO PRIORITY TEL AVIV TELEGRAM NUMBER 30 OF 25 JANUARY INFO JERUSALEM.

YOUR TELEGRAMS NO 39 AND 40 AND JERUSALEM TEL NO 3: MY VISIT TO ISRAEL.

1. UNFORTUNATELY, I CANNOT ARRIVE IN ISRAEL BEFORE ABOUT 8.30 PM ON 21 MARCH. I SHALL THEREFORE NOT BE ABLE TO TAKE UP YOUR SUGGESTION OF A FORMAL DINNER IN JERUSALEM THAT EVENING.

2. AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, I HOPE THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO WORK OUT A PROGRAMME WITH THE ISRAELIS ON THE LINES PROPOSED IN MY IFT. THESE MAKE PROVISION FOR:

(A) A LUNCHEON WITH THE ISRAEL COMMONWEALTH ASSOCIATION IN EITHER TEL AVIV OR JERUSALEM AT WHICH I COULD MAKE A SPEECH;

(B) TWO SESSIONS OF OFFICIAL TALKS IN JERUSALEM;

(C) AN EARLY DEPARTURE ON 24 <sup>MARCH</sup> ~~MAY~~ IMMEDIATELY AFTER A PRESS CONFERENCE IN TEL AVIV (I NOW THINK I MUST RETURN TO LONDON BY THE EARLY AFTERNOON).

3. AS YOU WILL SEE, I AGREE THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER TO SPEND EACH NIGHT IN TEL AVIV.

4. I HAVE GIVEN FURTHER THOUGHT TO THE PROBLEM OF HOW I SHOULD VISIT EAST JERUSALEM. I WISH TO AVOID GIVING THE ISRAELIS ANY GROUNDS FOR OFFENCE. EQUALLY, HOWEVER, I WISH TO AVOID DOING ANYTHING WHICH MIGHT PREJUDICE OUR POSITION OVER THE STATUS OF JERUSALEM OR WHICH MIGHT GIVE EITHER THE ISRAELIS OR THE ARABS GROUNDS FOR ALLEGING THAT THIS POSITION HAD CHANGED. THE CASES QUOTED TO YOU BY ANUG ARE NOT STRICTLY COMPARABLE WITH MY OWN. BELGIUM AND ITALY ARE NOT PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND HAVE NOT THEREFORE VOTED, AS WE HAVE DONE, FOR ALL THE RESOLUTIONS ABOUT JERUSALEM ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL SINCE JUNE 1967. WEST GERMANY IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND IN ANY CASE HAS A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH ISRAEL. MR ROGERS DID NOT PLAN TO TOUR EAST JERUSALEM WITH KOLLEK; THE FACT THAT KOLLEK SPRUNG IT ON HIM SHOWS THAT I MUST BE PARTICULARLY CAREFUL. IT WAS BECAUSE I DID NOT WISH TO CAUSE ANY UNNECESSARY OFFENCE TO THE ISRAELIS THAT I SUGGESTED MAKING MY VISIT TO EAST JERUSALEM UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE ARCHBISHOP; HIS PRESENCE WOULD GIVE THE VISIT A SPECIFICALLY RELIGIOUS FLAVOUR.

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5. IN ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES, I THINK THAT THE BEST PROCEDURE MIGHT BE FOR ME TO VISIT THE WESTERN WALL UNDER ISRAELI RELIGIOUS AUSPICES (AS WAS DONE BY MORO), BUT VISIT THE CHRISTIAN AND MOSLEM HOLY PLACES UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE ARCHBISHOP AND THE CONSUL-GENERAL. I COULD PERHAPS VISIT THE WESTERN WALL AFTER LUNCHING WITH KOLLEK IN WEST JERUSALEM, WHICH I SHOULD BE QUITE PREPARED TO DO. I HOPE IN ANY CASE THAT MY WIFE WILL BE ABLE TO VISIT THE ST JOHN OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL.
6. I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD CONCERT AN OUTLINE PROGRAMME FOR MY VISIT TO EAST JERUSALEM WITH THE ARCHBISHOP AND THE CONSUL-GENERAL AND LET ME HAVE A LOOK AT THIS BEFORE YOU MAKE ANY FIRM PLANS WITH THE ISRAELIS.
7. PLEASE TELL THE ISRAELIS THAT, SUBJECT TO THEIR AGREEMENT, NEWS DEPARTMENT WILL MAKE THE ANNOUNCEMENT IN PARAGRAPH 6 OF MY TELEGRAM NUMBER 17 AT NOON ON 31 JANUARY. I DO NOT THINK THAT ANYTHING FURTHER IS NEEDED.
8. I AM GRATEFUL FOR YOUR OFFER TO COME HERE SHORTLY BEFORE MY VISIT, BUT I DO NOT THINK THIS WILL BE NECESSARY.
9. I SHALL BE IN CHARGE OF THE FCO. P AND C DEPT WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU ABOUT ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.

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TO PRIORITY TEL AVIV TELEGRAM NUMBER 31 OF 25 JANUARY INFO  
JERUSALEM.

MIPT: MY VISIT TO ISRAEL.

1. FOLLOWING IS POSSIBLE REVISED OUTLINE PROGRAMME:

TUESDAY MARCH 21.

8.30 PM

ARRIVAL AT LOD (PROBABLY BY RAF COMET, IF  
AVAILABLE).

9.15 PM

INFORMAL DINNER WITH HM AMBASSADOR.

WEDNESDAY MAR 22.

9.00 AM

LEAVE TEL AVIV

10.00 AM

SIGN PRESIDENT'S BOOK.

10.30 - NOON

OFFICIAL TALKS WITH MR EBAN.

12.15 - 12.45 PM

CALL ON PRIME MINISTER.

1.00 PM

LUNCH WITH MAYOR IN WEST JERUSALEM (POSSIBLY).

P.M.

VISIT TO HM CONSULATE-GENERAL AND TOUR OF OLD  
CITY (SEE PARAGRAPHS 4 AND 5 OF MIPT).

8 PM

DINNER WITH MR EBAN IN WEST JERUSALEM.

10.45 PM

RETURN TO TEL AVIV.

THURSDAY 23 MAR.

9 AM

LEAVE TEL AVIV.

10 AM - 12 NOON

SECOND SESSION OF OFFICIAL TALKS IN JERUSALEM.

12.15 PM

RETURN TO TEL AVIV.

1 PM

LUNCHEON WITH ISRAEL AND COMMONWEALTH  
ASSOCIATION IN TEL AVIV (TO INCLUDE A SPEECH).

3 PM

SIGHT-SEEING.

6 PM

RECEPTION GIVEN BY HM AMBASSADOR AT A TEL AVIV  
HOTEL.

8 PM

DINNER FOR MR EBAN AT EMBASSY (IF THIS IS IN MY  
NAME WHICH I AGREE MAY BE BEST, WE WILL SEND  
YOU INVITATION CARDS).

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**FRIDAY 24 MARCH.**

**9.30 AM - 10.30 AM PRESS CONFERENCE.**

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VISITS BY THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF UNITED STATES, ITALY  
AND BELGIUM TO EAST JERUSALEM

1. As promised, I enclose a copy of a minute recording what my three colleagues whose Foreign Ministers visited Israel last year have told me about the organisation of the visits to East Jerusalem. (As you know, there is no German Consular representation in Jerusalem.)

2. The Italian and Belgian Consuls-General both mentioned that, strictly speaking, it was not correct for a Foreign Minister to visit even the Wailing Wall in the company of an Israeli Minister, or by the Mayor, since it lies in East Jerusalem. My Italian colleague said that the Italian Embassy in Tel Aviv had considered that it would have been embarrassing to refuse an invitation to Sig Moro to visit the Wall under Israeli auspices. Moreover, by agreeing to this, the Italians had made it easier for the Israelis to consent to a whole morning of private visits to the Holy Places, and in particular to the Dome of the Rock, which could not be counted as part of a Christian pilgrimage. From my point of view a separate visit to the Wall avoids any embarrassment with the Moslem authorities on the Haram-esh-Sharif. In view of the precedents, I should therefore be happy if the Italian/Belgian pattern were followed in the case of the visit of the Secretary of State.

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VISITS BY WESTERN FOREIGN MINISTERS TO THE JERUSALEM  
WALLED CITY

## THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE

1. No advance plan was made for Mr Rogers to visit the walled city. However, after the dinner given for him by Mr Eban, Mr Rogers was invited by Teddy Kollek to tour Jerusalem with him in his own car. Without taking any advice, Mr Rogers at once accepted, and Kollek took him in his own car for an hour's tour around West and East Jerusalem.
2. Following this "kidnapping", the Americans improvised a tour of the Christian and Moslem sites of the Old City on the following day. After a lunch party, Mr Rogers drove to the Jaffa Gate and visited the Church of the Holy Sepulchre from there, in company with the American Consul-General. (On leaving the lunch party, the American Consul-General had insisted on the removal of the Israeli flag from the car in which Mr Rogers and he were travelling, thus creating a minor incident which fortunately was not played up in the press. It would clearly have been better for Mr Rogers to travel in an official American car.) After the visit to the Holy Sepulchre, Mr Rogers had gone round the northern wall of the city and entered the Haram Esh Sharif by St Stephen's Gate in the eastern wall. He had visited the Mosque and then left by the Moghrabi Gate above the Wailing Wall, where they had been greeted by Mr Warhaftig, the Minister for Religious Affairs. The whole trip from the original arrival at the Jaffa Gate to the greeting by Mr Warhaftig took thirty minutes, although this meant doing everything in quite excessive haste. A minimum of forty-five minutes should be allowed for the round trip, and if the visitor wishes to see more than the bare essentials of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and the Dome of the Rock, one hour and a half plus is desirable.

## THE ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

3. Sig Moro's visit (accompanied by 14 officials) seems to have gone remarkably smoothly, largely as a result of careful preparation by the Italian Embassy in Tel Aviv. On the second day of a five day visit, Sig Moro and his party visited the Wailing Wall at 14.15 hours, after a private lunch at the King David Hotel. He was escorted there by Mr Warhaftig, and went immediately afterwards to Jerusalem Airport (at present closed for repairs to the runway) for a flight to the north of the country. On the 4th day (Sunday), he spent the whole morning on a pilgrimage to Christian holy places in the Old City, including a special Mass at the Church of all Nations in the Garden of Gethsemane. The whole morning was spent only in the company of the Italian Consul-General. The outlines of the visit were precisely planned in advance by the Consul-General, who informed the Israeli Police of the itinerary, so that they could take the necessary security precautions. During the course of the morning the two men paid a brief visit to the Dome of the Rock; and they also visited the Italian Consulate-General in order to meet staff.

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4. At the end of the second day, Teddy Kollek gave a reception at the Municipality in West Jerusalem (to which the Consul-General went), followed by Mr Eban's dinner at the Knesset (to which the Consul-General did not go).

**THE BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER**

5. M. Harmel's visit was only for 2½ days, and he followed practically the same routine - on a condensed scale - as Sig More. He visited the Wailing Wall under Israeli auspices (the Consul-General is not sure whether Government or Municipality), and then paid a separate visit with the Belgian Consul-General to the Holy Places in the walled city. There was a false report in the press that Teddy Kollek had accompanied M Harmel on the visit to the Holy Places, but this was false and was subsequently denied in the press. Kollek did, however, give a lunch for M Harmel (to which the Belgian Consul-General was not invited).

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Mr Evans

Private Secretary

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICIAL VISIT TO ISRAEL

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1. Tel Aviv telegrams Nos 39 and 40 contain a number of suggestions about, and a draft outline programme for, the Secretary of State's visit to Israel. Many of HM Ambassador at Tel Aviv's points are in response to those made in FCO telegram to Tel Aviv No 17.

2. I submit two self-explanatory draft telegrams to Tel Aviv. These are based on discussion with Mr Grattan (who has consulted Lady Douglas-Home about the suggestion, originally made in paragraph 3 of FCO telegram No 17, that the Secretary of State might spend one night in Jerusalem rather than return to Tel Aviv from Jerusalem late in the evening : Lady Douglas-Home would prefer to return to Tel Aviv).

3. News Department concur.

Michael Pike

M E Pike  
Near Eastern Department

21 January 1972

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Mr. Parsons

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1. I have made some amendments to the draft telegrams in the light of the very helpful comments and advice which we have now received from Mr. Snodgrass (Jerusalem telegram no. 3 and his letter to Mr. Barnes of 18 January).

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(R. M. Evans)

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Mr Grattan

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## SECRETARY OF STATE'S VISIT TO ISRAEL

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1. I undertook to set out the various possible methods of travelling to Tel Aviv. They are as follows:-

a. Scheduled Services(1) Outward

March 21	BA 770 (non-stop)	dep London	12.00
		arr Tel Aviv	17.30
	BE 482 (non-stop)	dep London	13.45
		arr Tel Aviv	19.10

(11) Return

March 24	BE 483 (non-stop)	dep Tel Aviv	09.25
		arr London	13.10
	AZ739	dep Tel Aviv	13.45
		arr Rome	16.00
	AZ248	dep Rome	17.20
		arr London	19.40

b. Civil Charter

We could ask for tenders from commercial airlines but the cost would probably be at least double travelling by scheduled services.

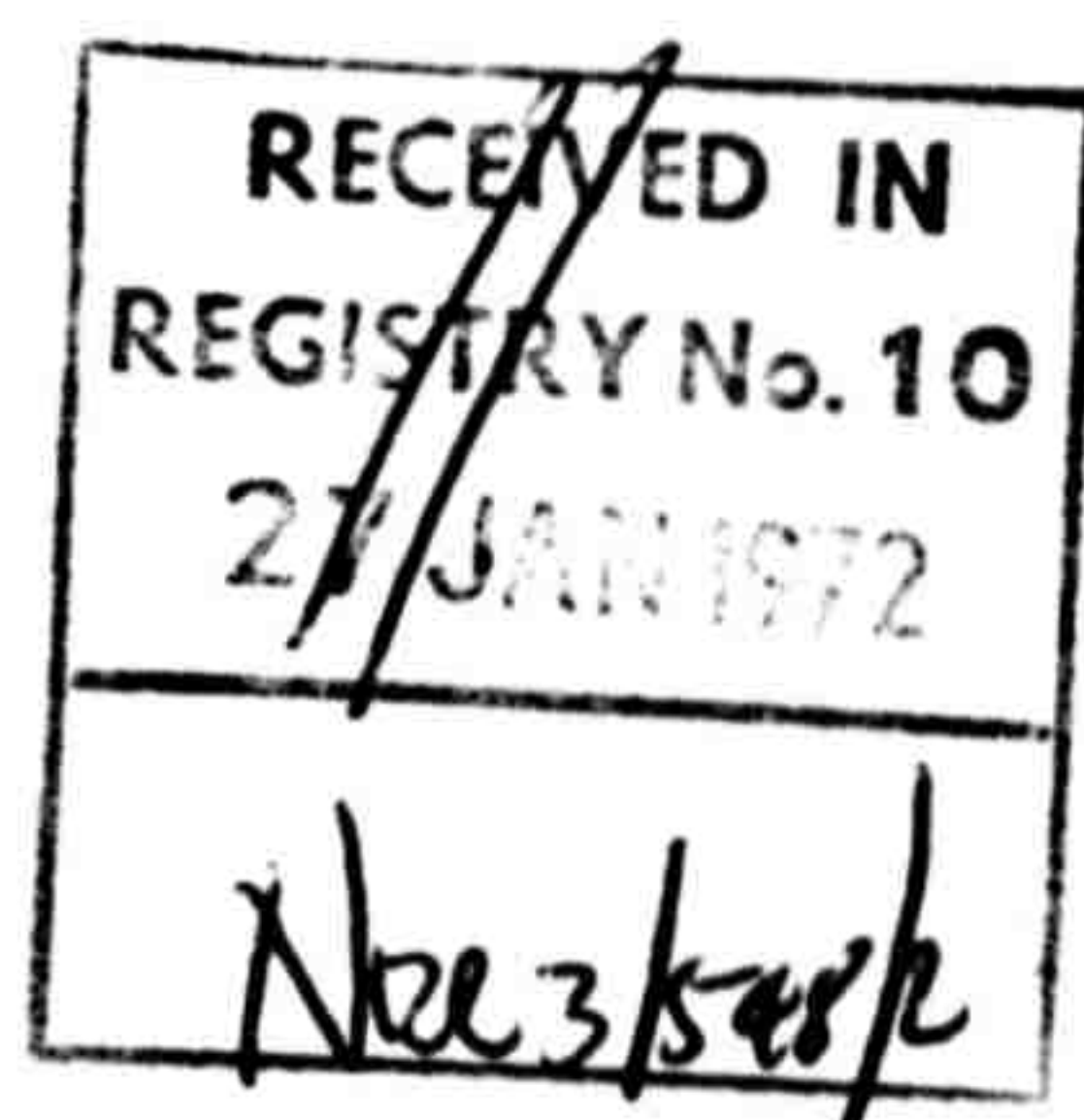
c. Air Support Command

The MOD could, as a last resort, and with the Prime Minister's approval, be asked to find an aircraft for the journey, but we agreed that we should try on this occasion to make alternative arrangements.

d. Queen's flight and CAPU

An Andover of the Queen's flight would take the whole party, but would be very slow, and have to make at least one refuelling halt en route. The HS125 is, of course, quite fast but it too would need a refuelling halt, and it takes only 5 on a maximum of 6 persons. Using the HS125 would mean splitting the party, some people possibly having to travel the previous day.

2. The scheduled services look reasonably satisfactory, especially for the outward journey on 21 March. Owing to the reintroduction of BST on 19 March departure from London on BA770 will then be midday. Arrival in Tel Aviv at 17.30 is slightly /later



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later than Mr Barnes suggested but should get the Secretary of State there in time for the dinner in Jerusalem. This flight is British and non-stop, which is good from the security point of view.

3. If the Secretary of State's programme is completed by the evening of 23 March the BE483, leaving at 09.25 and arriving in London at 13.10 (local) would be very convenient, and mean that he would again be travelling by a British airline on a non-stop flight. If, however, there are further engagements on the morning of 24 March perhaps things could be so arranged that he can leave by the Alitalia flight leaving Tel Aviv at 13.45. This unfortunately involves a change in Rome but is the last scheduled service to London out of Tel Aviv that day. If BE483 and AE248 are both too early there will be no alternative to chartering for the return journey.

4. May I have your views?

26 January 1972

S M Strachan (Miss)  
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TO PRIORITY AMMAN TELNO 41 OF 27 JANUARY INFO TEL AVIV AND  
JERUSALEM.

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1. MY TWO IFTS CONTAIN THE TEXTS OF MY TELEGRAMS NOS 30 AND 31  
TO TEL AVIV, WHICH I AM REPEATING TO YOU FOR YOUR BACKGROUND  
INFORMATION.

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TO IMMEDIATE FCO TEL NO 58 OF 27.1.72 INFO IMMEDIATE JERUSALEM.

YOUR TELEGRAMS NOS <sup>(22)</sup>30 AND <sup>(23)</sup>31: YOUR VISIT TO ISRAEL.

THAN K YOU FOR THESE HELPHUL INSTRUCTIONS.

*Tel to Tel Aviv*

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2. THIS MORNING I SAW THE CONSUL-GENERAL, THE ARCHBISHOP AND ANUG, MAKING CLEAR THAT ALL OUR TALKS WERE AD REFERENDUM TO YOU. AS A RESULT A TENTATIVE OUTLINE PROGRAMME IS IN MY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING TELEGRAM.

3. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE MAIN IDEAS ON WHICH IT IS BASED:-
- (A) THE TIMINGS FOR THE WEDNESDAY MORNING ARE SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT FROM YOUR SUGGESTIONS, TO ALLOW RATHER MORE TIME FOR YOU TALKS WITH MR EBAN AND MRS MEIR SEMICOLON
  - (B) FOREIGN MINISTRY ARE CHECKING TO SEE IF KOLLEK WILL BE IN THE COUNTRY AND ABLE TO GIVE A LUNCHEON SEMICOLON
  - (C) AFTER LUNCHEON IT SEEMS BEST TO SWITCH AT ONCE FROM ISRAELI TO BRITISH RELIGIOUS AUSPICES. IT WOULD THEN BE GEOGRAPHICALLY STRAIGHTFORWARD TO MOVE EASTWARDS BY WAY OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE TO THE WESTERN WALL AND ON TO THE DOME OF THE ROCK. AT THE WESTERN WALL, THERE WOULD BE AN INTERLUDE WITH THE ISRAEL MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFIARS. WHO ALSO PRESIDED OVER MORO'S VISIT. I AM SURE THIS IS BETTER THAN A RABBI. THERE IS NO WAY OF ENSURING THAT KOLLEK WILL NOT BE THERE TOO, BUT AT LEAST THE VISIT WOULD NOT FOLLOW STRAIGHT AFTER HIS LUNCHEON SEMICOLON
  - (D) YOU COULD THEN VISIT THE CONSULATE-GENERAL, MEET THE STAFF AND MAKE READY FOR DINNER SEMICOLON
  - (E) I HOPE AT SOME STAGE YOU COULD VISIT THE CHANCERY AND MEET MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSY. FIRST THING ON THURSDAY SEEMS THE BEST TIME FOR THIS SEMICOLON

7(F) IF

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(F) IF MR EBAN AGREES TO HAVE THE SECOND SESSION OF TALKS IN TEL AVIV ON THURSDAY AFTERNOON, THIS WOULD SPARE YOU A SECOND JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM THAT MORNING. THE MORNING COULD THEN BE DEVOTED TO SIGHT-SEEING, FOR WHICH THERE WOULD NOT IN ANY CASE BE MUCH TIME BETWEEN 3 P.M. AND 6 P.. IN THE AFTERNOON . THERE IS LITTLE TO SEE IN THE IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOURHOOD OF TEL AVIV

(G) FOR THE MORNING SIGHTSEEING, THE ISRAELIS HAVE SUGGESTED A TRIP BY HELICOPTER TO THE NEGEV WHERE YOU MIGHT CALL ON MR BEN-GURION AT KIBBUTZ SDE BOKER AND PERHAPS ALSO SEE NABATEAN CASTLE AT AVDAT AND THE DESERT AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENTAL STATION THERE OR VISIT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE NEGEV AT BEERSHEVA, OF WHICH THE CHAIRMAN, DR LERNER, IS A FORMER DIRECTOR OF MARKS AND SPENCER AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE ISRAEL/COMMONWEALTH ASSOCIATION. THESE POSSIBILITIES SEEM BETTER THAN MASSADA AND AN IMMIGRANT RECEPTION CENTRE AT ARAD WHICH WOULD ALSO BE MORE EXHAUSTING. BUT I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL TO KNOW WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO. IT IS NOT OF COURSE CERTAIN THE MR BEN-GURION WOULD BE AVAILABLE AND A TALK WITH THEM IS NOT STRICTLY SIGHTSEEING SEMICOLON

(H) IF MR EBAN INSISTSUON TALKS IN JERUSALEM ON THURSDAY MORNING, ONE POSSIBILITY WOULD BE TO HAVE THE LUNCHEON WITH THE ISRAEL/COMMONWEALTH ASSOCIATION IN JERUSALEM, IF YOU SEE NO OBJECTION TO THIS, AND TO DO SOME SIGHT-SEEING NEAR THERE IN THE AFTERNOON, BUT THE ANGLO-ISRAEL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO BE ASSOCIATE WITH THE LUNCHEON AND MOST OF THEIR PEOPLE ARE BASED AT TEL AVIV: THIS ALONE MAKES TEL AVIV THE BEST PLACE. I HOPE THAT MR EBAN OR ANOTHER ISRAEL MINISTER WOULD ALSO SPEAK SEMICOLON

(I) WE SHOULD MUCH PREFER TO GIVE THE EVENING PARTY IN OUR OWN HOUSE IF WE CAN, IF YOU DO NOT MIND A GAP BEFORE DINNER WHILE THINGS ARE PUT STRAIGHT. THIS WOULD ALSO LEAVE TIME FOR A BATH.

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4. ON OTHER POINTS:-

(A) IF WE CANNOT FIT A VISIT TO THE ST JOHN HOSPITAL INTO YOUR OWN PROGRAMME, I HOPE LADY HOME COULD PERHAPS DO THIS ON THE WEDNESDAY MORNING. MRS EBAN IS ALSO LIKELY TO HAVE SOME SUGGESTIONS.

(B) THE REST OF YOUR PARTY WILL BE PUT UP AT A TEL AVIV HOTEL.

(C) YOU WILL WANT A HAT FOR THE WESTERN WALL IF YOU WANT TO AVOID A SKUL-CAP WITH HEBREW INSIGNIA.

5. WILL YOU PLEASE LET ME KNOW AS SOON AS YOU CAN IF THESE GENERAL IDEAS ARE ACCEPTABLE, SO THAT WE MAY TRY TO MAKE THEM FIRMER. THE ISRAELIS WILL HAVE TO CLEAR WITH MR EBAN, IN PARTICULAR TO SEE IF HE AGREES TO A MEETING IN TEL AVIV ON THURSDAY AFTERNOON, AND THEY WILL ALSO HAVE TO LINE UP MR KOLLEK, MR WARHAFTIG AND IF NECESSARY MR BEN-GURION. THE ARCHBISHOP WILL ALSO NEED TO APPROACH THE RELIGIOUS DIGNITARIES INVOLVED IN THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE AND H.M CONSUL-GENERAL MUST MAKE APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS OF THE DOME OF THE ROCK WITH THE MOSLEM AUTHORITIES.

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THE FOLLOWING IS A NEW TENTATIVE PROGRAMME.  
TUESDAY, MARCH 21ST.

- 8.30 P.M. ARRIVE AT LOD IN OWN AIRCRAFT.
- 9.15 P.M. INFORMAL DINNER AT EMBASSY (ALL BRITISH)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22ND

- 8.45 A.M. LEAVE TEL AVIV
- 9.45 A.M. SIGN PRESIDENT'S BOOK
- 10 A.M. TO
- 11.45 A.M. TALKS WITH MR EBAN
- 12 NOON
- TO 1 P.M. CALL ON PRIME MINISTER
- 1.15 P.M. LUNCHEON WITH MAYOR IN WEST JERUSALEM
- 3 P.M. MEET ANGLICAN ARCHBISHOP AND VISIT CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE
- 4 P.M. MEET MINISTER OF RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS (WARHAFTIG) NAD VISIT WESTERN WALL
- 4.20 P.M. VISIT DOME OF THE ROCK (who would greet Sof S)
- 6 P.M. RETURN TO CONSULATE-GENERAL AND MEET STAFF AND MEMBERS OF BRITISH COMMUNITY IN JERUSALEM
- 8 P.M. DINNER WITH MR EBAN AT KING DAVID HOEL
- 10.45 P.M. RETURN TO TEL AVIV

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THURSDAY, MARCH 23RD

9.00 ~~8.30~~ A.M. VISIT CHANCERY AND SPEND TEN MINUTES MEETING

EMBASSY STAFF

MORNING SIGHT-SEEING

1 P.M. LUNCHEON WITH ISRAEL-COMMONWEALTH ASSOCIATION

AND ANGLO-ISRAEL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN

TEL AVIV (SPEECH)

3 P.M. - 5 P.M. SECOND SESSION OF OFFICIAL TALKS IN

TEL AVIV

→ 6-7.30 P.M. COCKTAIL PARTY AT EMBASSY

8.30 P.M. DINNER FOR MR EBAN AT EMBASSY

FRIDAY, MARCH 24TH

9.30 A.M. PRESS CONFERENCE TO 10.30 A.M.

11 A.M. LEAVING LOD IN OWN AIRCRAFT.

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Mr. Parsons

Thank you. Let's have the first meeting at 4 pm tomorrow, Wednesday.

VISIT OF SECRETARY OF STATE TO ISRAEL

R. Evans

Used as the basis for a full draft steering brief.  
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1. I submit an outline of the draft Steering Brief. I believe that the Steering Brief itself (when duly approved) ought to be our basic working document in preparing a set of briefs for the Secretary of State.

2. The procedure which I recommend is that:-

- (a) You might discuss the draft outline with members of the Department, with a view to reaching a consensus about the subjects to be covered in the Steering Brief itself and all supporting documents;
- (b) The Department might then prepare a draft Steering Brief, for submission through you to the Private Secretary;
- (c) Once the Private Secretary has approved the draft, the Department might issue a minute commissioning other briefs and supporting papers (asking that these should be prepared within the framework set out in the Steering Brief); and
- (d) You might then hold a meeting to give guidance to representatives of the other Departments which will be concerned in preparing briefs and supporting documents.

You may consider step (d) to be superfluous. My experience, however, is that Departments responsible for preparing particular briefs welcome guidance about the character and climate of the talks which the Secretary of State is to hold.

3. One subject on which additional separate briefs may be needed is Malta. The Israelis are displaying an almost obsessive interest in the likely outcome of the negotiations which are now taking place between the Maltese and ourselves.

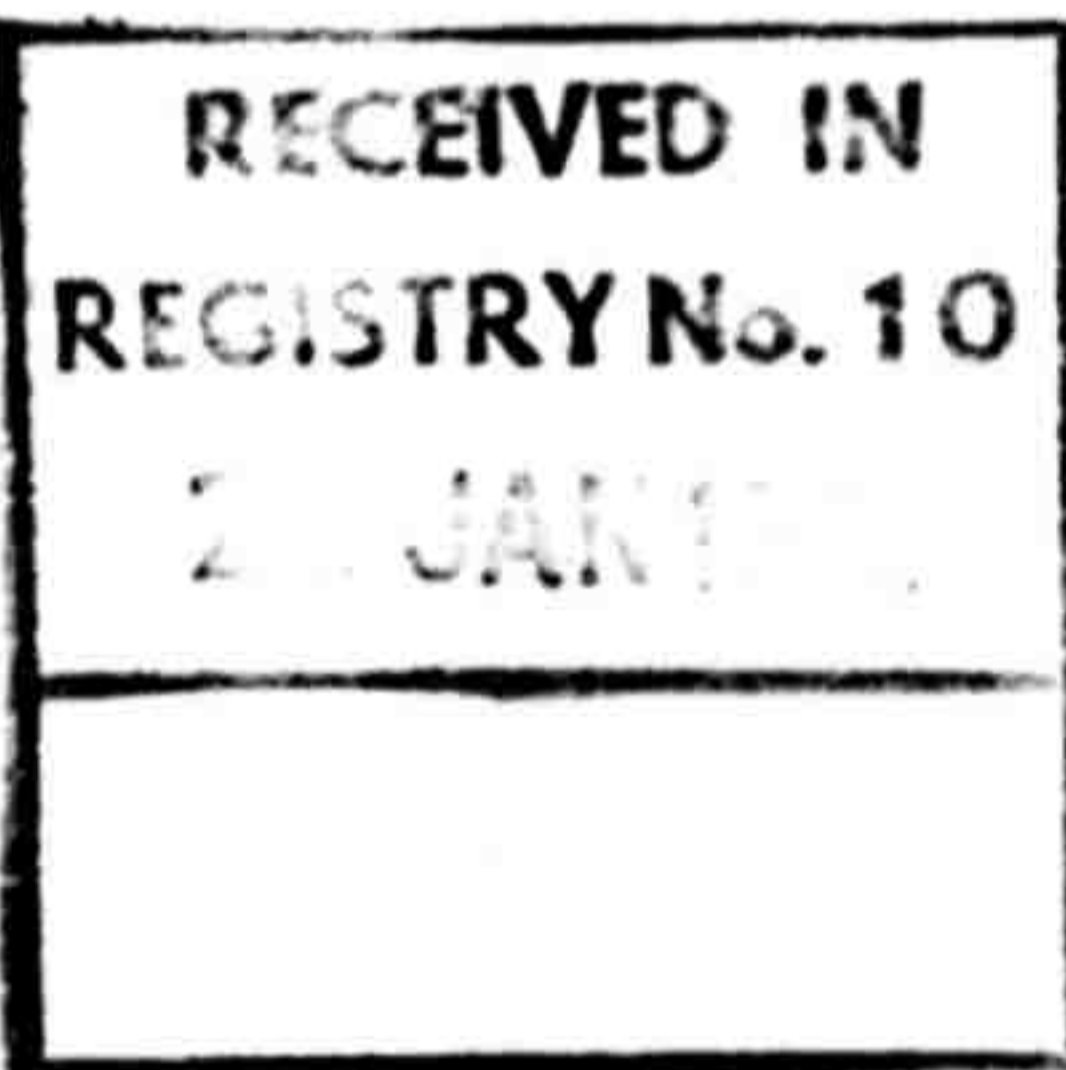
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VISIT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO ISRAEL

DRAFT STEERING BRIEF (In note form)

GENERAL BACKGROUND

1. This will be the first occasion on which a British Foreign Secretary has visited Israel as a guest of the Israel Government (or indeed in any other capacity).
2. The Secretary of State is to have two sessions of talks with Mr Eban. The rest of his visit will be devoted to social occasions and sight-seeing.
3. The visit is intended to balance the Secretary of State's official visit to Cairo in September 1971. It will bring to a close the present round of official visits at Foreign Ministerial level to and from Israel and Egypt.

PURPOSE OF THE VISIT

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4. This remains broadly as outlined in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Steering Brief for Mr Eban's visit to London late last year.

THE MAIN TOPICS WE WISH TO RAISE

Arab/Israel dispute

5. The only major topic we should wish to raise is the Arab/Israel dispute (in its widest terms). The Secretary of State will wish to persuade the Israelis to be as flexible as

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possible but a detailed brief cannot be written until nearer the time of the visit. (Brief No 1)

THE TOPICS LIKELY TO BE RAISED BY THE ISRAELIS

Arab/Israel dispute

6. Mr Eban will rehearse, and try and obtain more British sympathy and support for, the Israeli position. He will no doubt re-emphasise Israel's insistence on the need for direct negotiations between the parties. He will also want to make other points in the light of the position at the time.

(Brief No 1)

SUPPLIES OF BRITISH MILITARY EQUIPMENT

7. Mr Eban may wish to raise a number of matters in connection with the supply of British military equipment:

a) To Israel:

- (i) Small submarines (perhaps including the question of training)
- (ii) Collaboration in military research and development
- (iii) The provision of know-how by British firms (to enable sophisticated equipment to be manufactured under licence in Israel) (Brief No 2)

b) To Arab countries, in particular:

- (i) Egypt (especially Jaguar aircraft, on the assumption that news of the possible sale of this aircraft to Egypt will by then have broken)

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(ii) Libya (also including the question of the possible sale of Jaguar)

(iii) Jordan

(iv) Lebanon

(Brief No 3)

THE TREATMENT OF JEWS IN THE ARAB STATES (ESPECIALLY SYRIA)

8. Mr Eban may seek our help in moves to ease the position of the Jewish community in Syria. The Secretary of State will wish to rehearse our lack of locus standi to intervene over the fate of citizens of a country with which we have no diplomatic relations.

(Brief No 4)

ECONOMIC TOPICS

THE IMPACT ON ISRAELI EXPORTS OF BRITISH ENTRY TO THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY

9. Mr Eban is likely to return to the charge on this question. He will probably seek to discover whether any progress has been made on this point in our discussions with the European Economic Community about the adaptation of existing treaties between the Community and third countries to take account of the Community's enlargement.

(Brief No 5)

THE EXCLUSION OF ISRAEL FROM THE UNCTAD GENERALISED PREFERENCES SCHEME

10. Mr Eban will no doubt want to discuss our aide mémoire on the subject which should by then have reached the Israelis.

(Brief No 6)

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BILATERAL TRADE TOPICS

11. There may also be some discussion of bilateral trade topics, especially the future of BLMC in Israel.

(Brief No 7)

IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL MATTERS FALLING OUTSIDE THE MAIN SCHEME  
OF THE TALKS

12. Mr Eban will probably want to have a general discussion of trends in Soviet policy both within and without the Middle East.

(Brief No 8)

He may also seek our views on Chinese policy in the area.

(Brief No 9)

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FOR MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PLEASE READ MINISTER OF  
RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS. I AM SORRY FOR THIS MISTAKE.

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(22) YOUR TELEGRAM NO 30 PARAGRAPH 7: ANNOUNCEMENT OF YOUR

I HAVE SHOWN ISRAEL FOREIGN MINISTRY TEXT OF PROPOSED  
ANNOUNCEMENT TO BE MADE AT NOON ON JANUARY 31ST. THEY ARE  
QUITE HAPPY.

(28) (29)  
2. WITH REFERENCE TO MY TELEGRAMS NOS 58 AND 59, IT NOW  
TRANSPIRES THAT THE MAYOR OF JERUSALEM WILL BE IN THE UNITED  
STATES AT THE TIME OF YOUR VISIT AND CANNOT THEREFORE GIVE  
A LUNCHEON. THIS IS A PITY, ALTHOUGH IT MAY MAKE THINGS  
EASIER AT THE WALL. IT SEEMS UNLIKELY, FOR PARTY POLITICAL  
REASONS, THAT ANY OTHER REPRESENTATIVE IN THE MUNICIPALITY  
WOULD BE A SUITABLE HOST FOR LUNCHEON. THE ISRAELIS MAY HAVE  
OTHER SUGGESTIONS, E.G. THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY. IF NOT, I  
COULD ASK THE ARCHBISHOP IF HE WOULD INVITE YOU TO LUNCHEON.  
ANOTHER POSSIBILITY WOULD BE TO LUNCH WITH THE PRESS, WHICH  
WOULD MEAN A SPEECH FOLLOWED BY QUESTIONS. I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL  
FOR YOUR VIEWS BEFORE I GO FURTHER WITH THE ISRAELIS.

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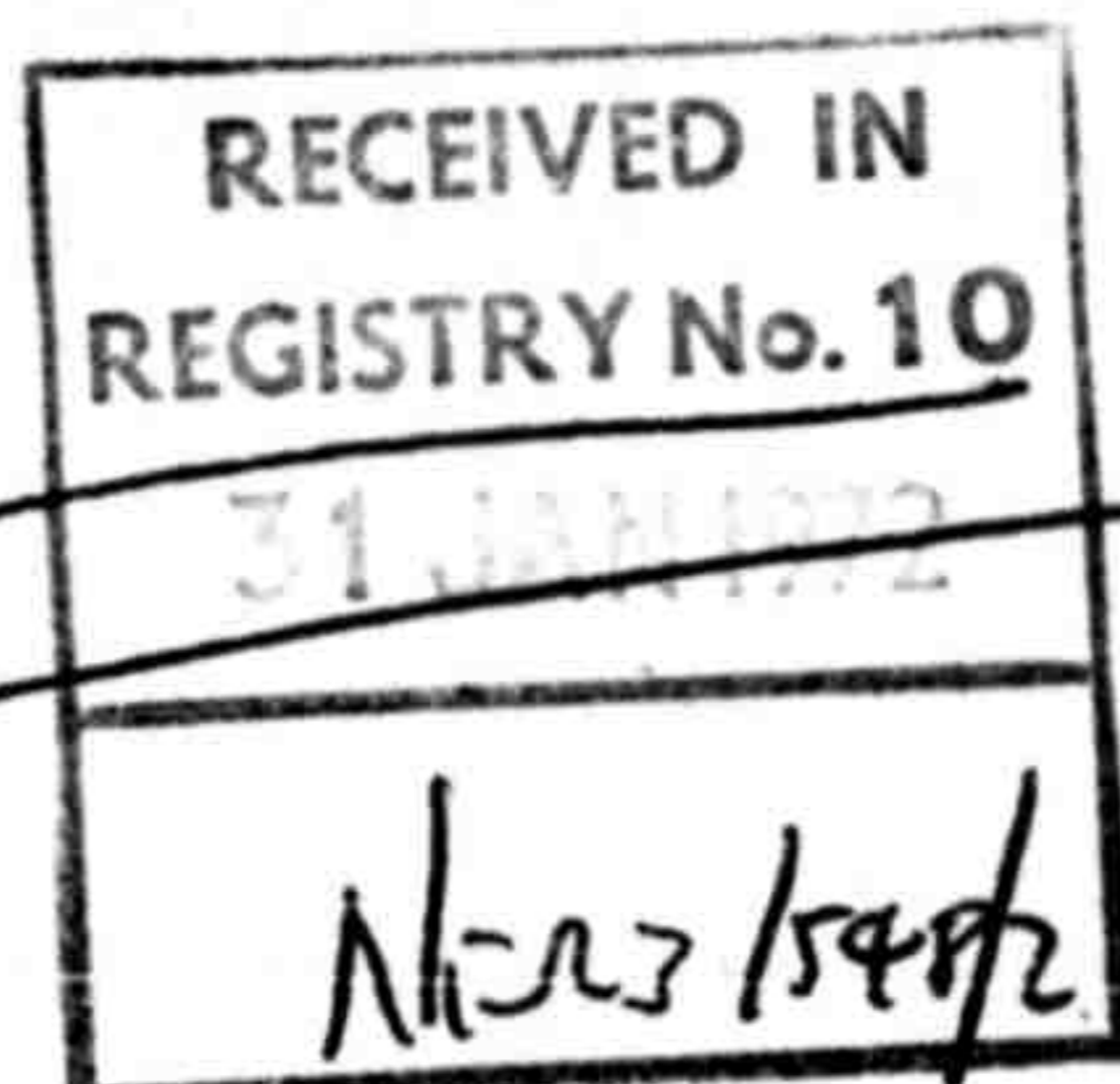
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BRITISH EMBASSY,  
TEL AVIV.

21st January 1972

Letter to Mr. Bann  
JP 2/2

Dear Tony,

Perhaps it is not too early to give some thought to the guest list for the Secretary of State's dinner party for the Israel Foreign Minister at our house here, probably on March 23rd.

I assume that this would be a mixed party. At present our dinner table will only hold eighteen people. I am trying to arrange with the Ministry of Works for it to be enlarged to hold twenty-four. I think this is enough for a party of this kind. I hope at all cost to avoid having small tables, which break a party up in a tiresome way.

The party must obviously include:-

The Secretary of State and Lady Douglas-Home  
Mr. and Mrs. Eban  
Cynthia and myself

I think we should also include two members of the Secretary of State's party, presumably yourself and Johnny Graham.

I should also like to include the Fosters who will be leaving two or three days afterwards and we need a member of the staff there.

If the Comays come, they must also obviously be included.

That makes twelve people so far and leaves us twelve more if we have twenty-four people, or only six if we are limited to eighteen.

I think we should in any case have the new Director General of the Foreign Ministry and

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Mrs. Gazit. If there is to be entertainment by the Israel Commonwealth Association, we should include its Chairman, at present General Herzog, whose wife is Mrs. Eban's sister. There are three former Israel Ambassadors at London living here: Lourie, Remez and Elath. Of these Lourie is still in service and was of course on the visit to London.

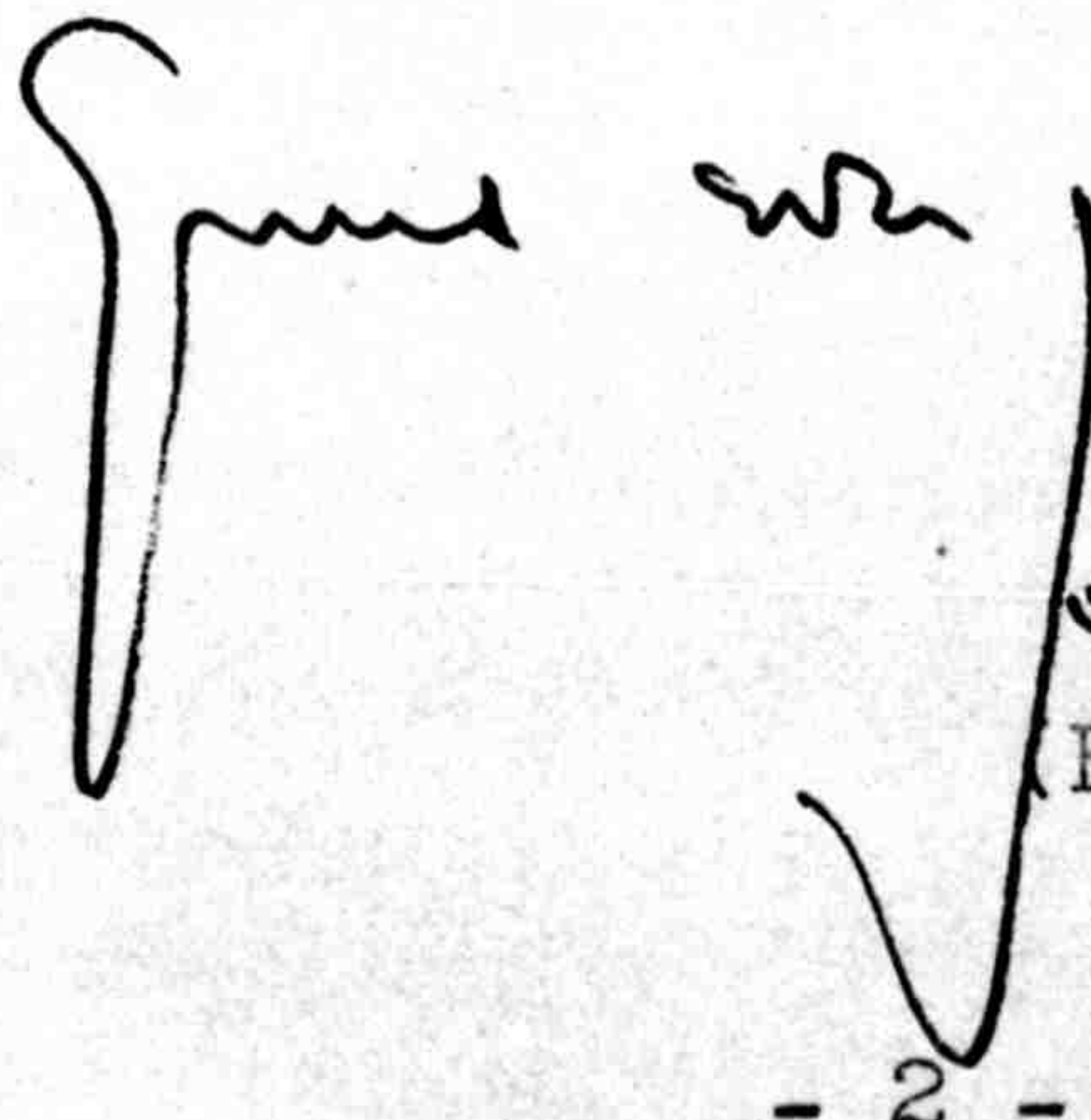
It might be interesting to include another Minister. We cannot have the Prime Minister or her Deputy, as they would outrank Mr. Eban. If the Secretary of State was interested, I could try General Dayan, but he might well refuse. Other possibilities are Sapis (Finance), Shapiro (Justice) or Peres (Communications).

Apart from that, other candidates are the Chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs Committee (Zadok); Professor Yadin, former Chief of Staff and now archaeologist, in case we go to Massada; or the President of the Hebrew University (Harman) and his wife, as both are of English extraction and she is a member of the Knesset.

I should have liked to include John Snodgrass and the Archbishop in Jerusalem. But it looks as if there will not be room.

The resulting guest list might be as in the enclosure to this letter. Would you please let me know as soon as possible if you have any comments.

If we have any singletons, e.g. Dayan or Sapis I might have to ask Angela Foster to contract out so as to squeeze in an extra couple.

  
(E.J.W. Barnes)

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Possible Guest List  
Dinner, H.M. Embassy, Tel Aviv  
Thursday, March 23rd, 1972

Secretary of State and Lady Douglas-Home

Minister of Foreign Affairs and Mrs. Eban

H.M. Ambassador and Mrs. Barnes

Israel Ambassador at London and Mrs. Comay

Mr. Parsons

Mr. Graham

Mr. /and Mrs./ Peter Foster

Minister of Defence (General Moshe Dayan)

or Minister of Finance (Mr. Pinhas Sapir)

or Minister of Communications and Mrs. Peres

Director-General, Israel Foreign Ministry  
and Mrs. Mordechai Gazit

Major-General Herzog, K.B.E. and Mrs. Herzog

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lourie

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Chairman, Knesset Foreign Affairs Committee  
and Mrs. Haim Zadok

Archbishop in Jerusalem and Mrs. Appleton

Professor and Mrs. Yigal Yadin

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President of the Hebrew University and  
Mrs. Harman

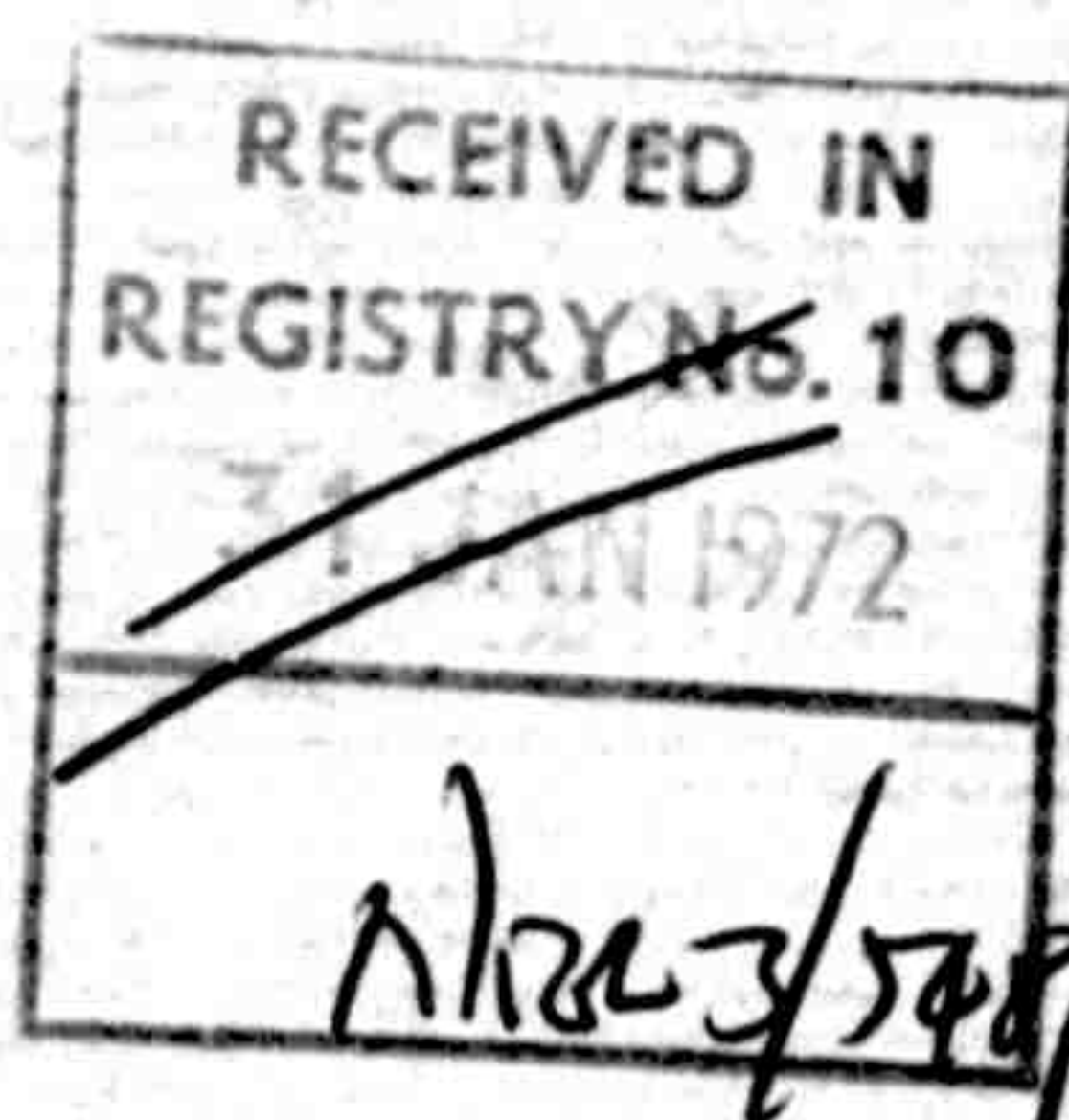
H.M. Consul-General, Jerusalem and  
Mrs. Snodgrass

Mr. and Mrs. Aharon Remez

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Draft letter  
from Mr.  
Parsons

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S VISIT TO ISRAEL - DINNER PARTY

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Please see Mr. Barnes' letter of 21 January attached.

2. Mr. Barnes' suggested guest list seems fine to me.

I think we could leave it to him to decide which of the three Ministers he might invite. They would all be interesting, particularly General Dayan and Mr. Peres. However, from a commercial point of view Mr. Sapir is also very important.

A D Parsons

25 January 1972

I suggest that we encourage Mr. Barnes to invite General Dayan. After Mr. Dayan, he is the personality of the country.

25 January, 1972.

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There is a strong element of return entertainment which means seeing again people whom the Secretary of State has already met, rather than meeting new faces; I suppose that this is inevitable. But is it essential to include the Archbishop? Can we get in a suitable commercial figure on Anglo-Israel trade, which isn't represented? Perhaps Sapin is the answer. I wonder whether we have to include Laurie - not if he is included in the Ambassador's reception?

John Leahy ought to be included.

~~Mr Evans~~

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1. I think an element of return-hospitality is inevitable.

2. Agree that we should go for Dayin, Sapin & Pero in that order

3. The Archbishop is not essential but he is, I suppose, the single most distinguished British resident.

4. I'm not sure that Mr Leahy, with respect, is a must, where numbers are so limited as this.

5. Agree with Mr Grotton about a commercial element. Is there a chairman?

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of a UK/Israeli Chamber of  
Commerce?

Yes.

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6. Could it not be logical  
to include the three former Ambassadors

I vote: to the reception rather than single one  
agree.  
one for the dinner?

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7. I think we are not going to Nassau,  
so perhaps the Yachins could be  
left out and archaeology left to

Doyan.  
8. We must however rely on the Baron's judgement  
AN Grohn  
in this local matter.  
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His Excellency  
Mr E J W Barnes MBE  
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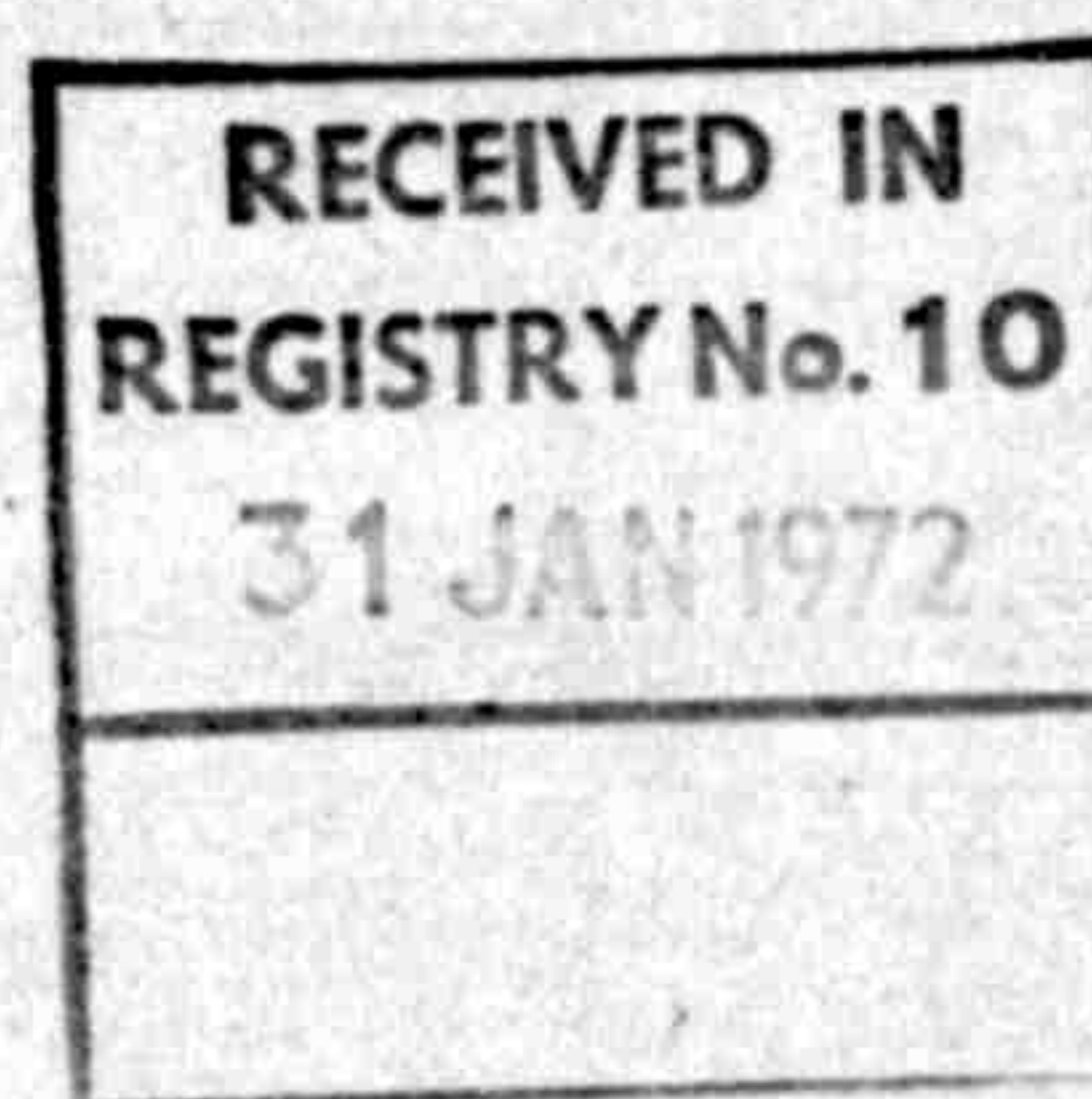
GUEST LIST FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S DINNER PARTY

1. Thank you for your letter of 21 January.
2. I have consulted Johnny Graham about your suggestions, which generally seem admirable. I hope you will press Dayan to come to the dinner (he is, after all, the most important figure in Israel after Mrs. Meir). Sapir and Peres (in that order) would be good alternatives.
3. Our only doubt relates to the Louries. We wonder whether it would be right to single out Arthur Lourie, even though he is still in service and came to London with Eban. Would it not be more equitable to ask all three former Ambassadors to the reception only? The Louries' place at the dinner might then be taken either by a commercial figure, such as the Chairman of the Anglo-Israel Chamber of Commerce, or by the Archbishop in Jerusalem, who will be host to the Secretary of State in Jerusalem and is, I suppose, the single most distinguished British resident (or near resident).
4. If you find that you can manage 24 guests, the Archbishop and Mrs. Appleton or the Chairman of the Anglo-Israel Chamber (depending on which one had been omitted from the "18") could be added, together with the Chairman of the Knesset and either the Louries (if you think that it would not cause offence to single them out from other former Ambassadors and the wives) or the President of the Hebrew University and his wife. The Harmans look a better bet than the Yadins, particularly as it now looks as if the Secretary of State will not be going to Massada.

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GUEST LIST FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S DINNER PARTY IN TEL AVIV

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1. I submit a draft reply from Mr Parsons to HM Ambassador's letter to him of 21 January. This takes into account the comments on his minute to you (and the Private Secretary) of 25 January and is, I hope, self-explanatory.

*M. E. Pike*

M E Pike  
Near Eastern Department

28 January 1972

Copy to : Mr Laver

*R. M. Evans*

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TO IMMEDIATE FCO TELNO 5 OF 31 JANUARY INFO TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV TELNO 62: YOUR VISIT TO ISRAEL

(22) ONE ADVANTAGE OF A LUNCH WITH THE ARCHBISHOP (OR MYSELF) ON 22 MARCH WOULD BE THAT IT WOULD GIVE US BETTER CONTROL OF THE AFTERNOON'S PROGRAMME OF SIGHTSEEING. IF LADY HOME WERE ABLE TO VISIT THE ST JOHN HOSPITAL IN THE LATE MORNING, FOR EXAMPLE, YOU MIGHT JOIN HER AND THE WARDEN FOR A QUICK DRINK AT THE HOSPITAL AFTER HER VISIT BEFORE GOING ON TO LUNCH, THUS SHOWING YOUR PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE FATE OF THE HOSPITAL.

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TO IMMEDIATE FCO TELNO 66 OF 31 JANUARY INFO JERUSALEM.

MY TELEGRAM NO 62 <sup>22</sup> YOUR VISIT.

FOREIGN MINISTRY HAVE JUST TELEPHONED TO SAY THAT THEY HAVE SUGGESTED THAT MRS MEIR SHOULD INVITE YOU TO LUNCHEON AT HER HOUSE IN WEST JERUSALEM ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 22ND. IT LOOKED FROM THEIR FIRST SOUNDINGS AS IF SHE WOULD BE ABLE TO DO THIS. BUT THEY WOULD LIKE TO KNOW OUR VIEWS, IF POSSIBLE BY WEDNESDAY THIS WEEK.

2. I SAID THAT I FELT SURE YOU WOULD GLADLY ACCEPT THIS IDEA BUT THAT I WOULD CONFIRM IT URGENTLY.

3. THIS IS A NOTABLY FRIENDLY GESTURE AND I HOPE YOU WILL AGREE. COULD YOU PLEASE LET ME HAVE A TELEGRAM TODAY OR TOMORROW?

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Dear Tony. Enter. McSwans AD 31/1

(22) I interpreted paragraph 5 of your telegram No. 30 as meaning that we should follow the Moro precedent, and that Israeli religious auspices in effect meant the Ministry of Religious Affairs, rather than the Foreign Ministry or the Mayor of Jerusalem.

(18) In his telegram No. 3, John Snodgrass mentioned the possibility of visiting the Wall under rabbinical auspices. But I discussed this with him yesterday morning, and I am sure that it would not do.

First of all, I think it would look quaint for the British Foreign Secretary to be escorted to the Wall by a rabbi in full regalia. Secondly, we should have to choose a rabbi or leave it to the Foreign Ministry to do so. This could bring us into the argument between Ashkenazim and Sephardim. There is a chief rabbi for each of them. The Ashkenazi is about ninety and the Sephardi speaks no English. The Chief Rabbinate is run by an ex-English major, with strong ideas on personal publicity which I should not want to encourage.

As well as all this, the Rabbinate is extremely controversial at present, not only because of a number of decisions with which the Government does not agree, but also because efforts are being made to remove the Chief Rabbi and put the Rabbinate on to a new and more modern basis. It is by no means certain that these efforts will succeed, and meanwhile

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Government and Rabbinate are largely at logger-heads. The Rabbinate, moreover, is one of the most conservative and nationalist elements in the country, particularly as far as Jerusalem is concerned.

For all these reasons, as well as for the implications for our policy, I am sure that a suggestion for a visit under rabbinical auspices by us would be ill-received here. Nor do I think that it would serve our own political purposes.

I am sending a copy of this letter to John Snodgrass.

*John*  
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(E.J.W. Barnes)

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# Sir Alec to make visit to Israel in March

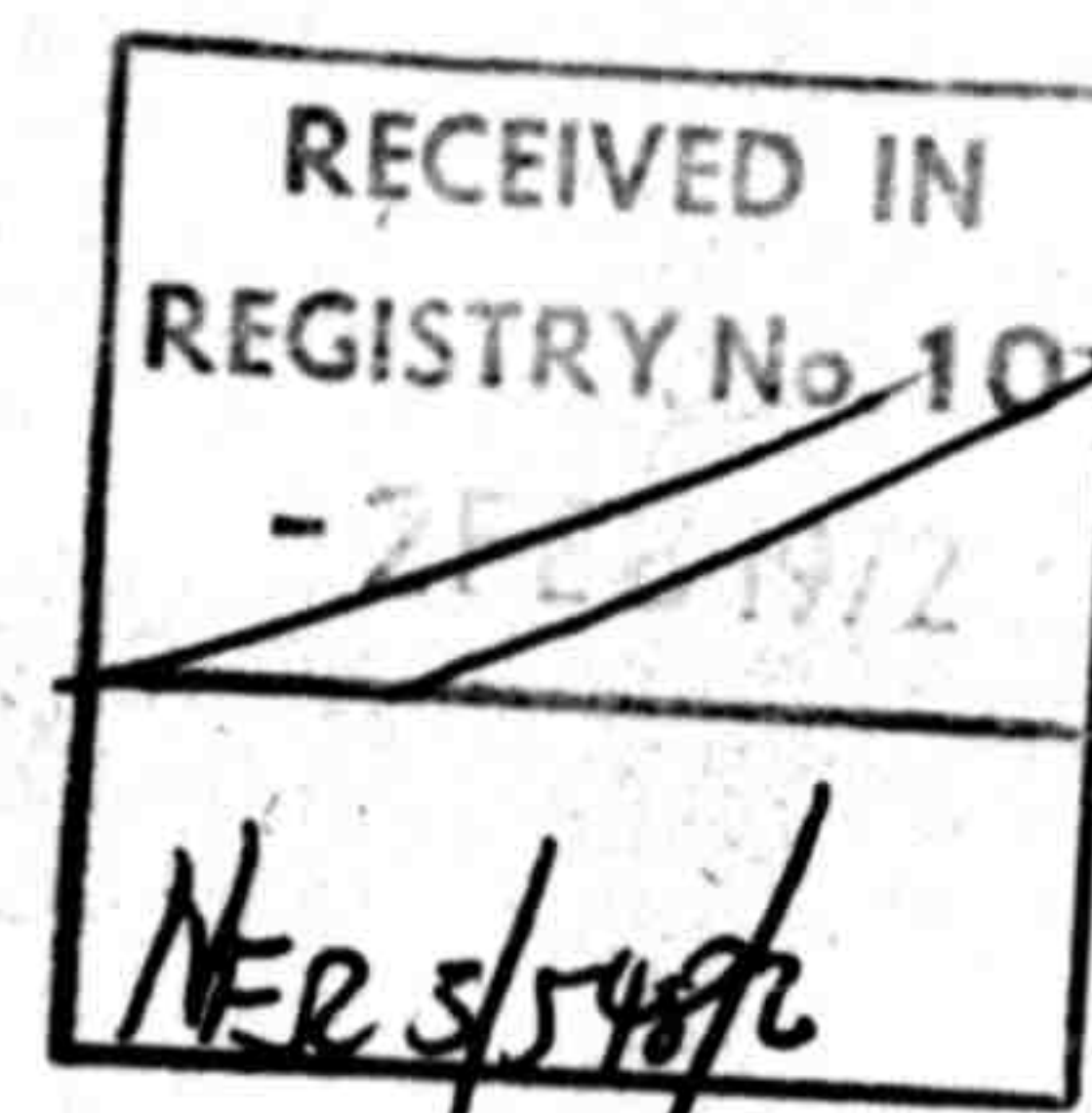
By Our Diplomatic Correspondent

Sir Alec Douglas-Home, the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, and Lady Douglas-Home, will visit Israel from March 21-24 as the guests of the Israel Government.

The arrangements so far announced include calls on President Shazar and Mrs Meir, the Prime Minister. Sir Alec will also have talks with Mr Eban, the Israel Foreign Secretary.

These arrangements follow the pattern adopted during Sir Alec's visit to Cairo last September. Sir Alec will also have a full sight-seeing and social programme.

This will be the first visit by a British Foreign Secretary while in office to Israel, although Sir Alec while in Opposition visited Israel as the guest of the Israel Government in March, 1967.



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News Dept will be putting the record straight with the press.

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YOUR TELEGRAMS CIRCULAR RETRACT 64031 AND 64331: VISIT TO ISRAEL.

FOLLOWING FOR NEAR EASTERN DEPARTMENT.

THIS IS NOT THE FIRST VISIT TO ISRAEL BY A FOREIGN SECRETARY  
IN OFFICE. MR SELWYN LLOYD WAS HERE IN 1956.

2. THERE ARE TWO OTHER POINTS ON THE DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT'S  
PIECE:-

- (A) THE SECRETARY OF STATE WILL NOT CALL ON THE PRESIDENT BUT  
ONLY SIGN HIS BOOK SEMICOLON
- (B) THE REFERENCE TO AN AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY FAIR IS A  
BIT CASUAL AFTER ALL OUR EFFORTS OVER BRITAGEX.

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TO IMMEDIATE TEL AVIV TELNO 50 OF 1 FEBRUARY INFO PRIORITY  
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YOUR TELEGRAMS NO 58, NO 59 AND NO 66: MY VISIT TO ISRAEL.

1. WE HAVE NOW LOOKED AGAIN AT THE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS AND  
THINK THAT WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO MANAGE ON SCHEDULED SERVICES.

2. THIS WOULD MEAN TAKING BE 482, ARRIVING AT TEL AVIV AT 1910  
LOCAL TIME. I WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE WITH THE PROPOSED  
ARRANGMENT OF AN INFORMAL DINNER WITH YOU. (I SHOULD BE  
RELUCTANT TO ABANDON THIS OPPORTUNITY TO GO OVER THE GROUND WITH  
YOU BEFORE THE OFFICIAL VISIT STARTS).

3. THE RETURN FLIGHT WOULD BE BY BE 483, LEAVING LOD AT 0925.  
I REALISE THAT THIS MEANS REARRANGING THE TIME FOR MY PRESS  
CONFERENCE. PERHAPS THIS COULD TAKE PLACE AT 1700 ON 23 MARCH  
IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF MY TALKS WITH MR EBAN  
(ANOTHER POSSIBILITY IS THAT THESE TALKS MIGHT REPLACE SIGHT-SEEING  
IN THE MORNING AND BE FOLLOWED BY A PRESS CONFERENCE IMMEDIATELY  
BEFORE MY LUNCH WITH THE ISRAEL AND BRITISH COMMONWEALTH ASSOCIATION).

4. I AGREE OTHERWISE WITH THE AMENDED PROGRAMME IN YOUR TELEGRAM  
(29) NO 59 AND WOULD OF COURSE BE DELIGHTED TO ACCEPT MRS MEIR'S  
INVITATION TO LUNCH ON 22 MARCH (YOUR TELEGRAM NO 66). (37) I WOULD  
PRESUMABLY CALL ON HER BEFOREHAND AND MEET THE ARCHBISHOP  
AFTERWARDS. AS YOU HAVE RECOGNISED (PARAGRAPH 3(C) OF YOUR  
(28) TELEGRAM NO 58), IT SEEMS BEST THAT I SHOULD SWITCH TO  
BRITISH RELIGIOUS AUSPICES IMMEDIATELY AFTER LUNCH.

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5. WE SHALL BE TELEGRAPHING SEPARATELY ON YOUR SUGGESTIONS FOR SIGHT-SEEING.

6. WE SHALL IN FUTURE BE REPEATING AT LEAST SOME TELEGRAMS IN THIS SERIES SAVING TO CAIRO, AMMAN AND BEIRUT.

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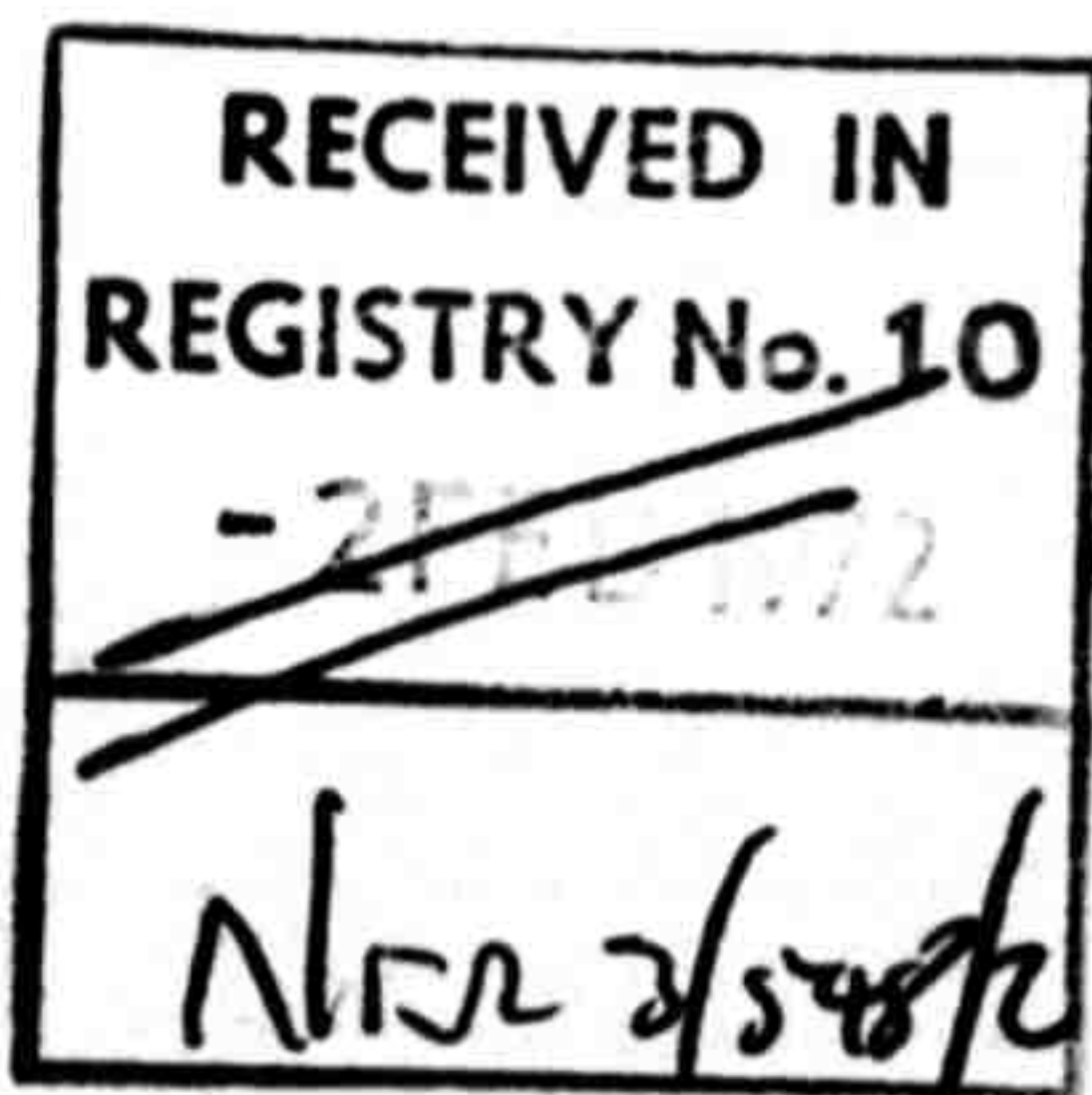
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THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICIAL VISIT TO ISRAEL

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1. I submit a self-explanatory draft telegram in reply to Tel Aviv telegrams nos 58, 59 and 66. This draft has been cleared with Mr Laver and Mr Grattan.

2. Mr Grattan is consulting the Secretary of State and Lady Douglas-Home about HM Ambassador at Tel Aviv's suggestions for sight-seeing (paragraph 3(G) of Tel Aviv telegram no 58). We shall need to send a further telegram when the Secretary of State's views are known (Mr Grattan feels that he would probably wish any sight-seeing to be as brief as possible; he would perhaps, therefore, prefer a short trip on the afternoon of 23 March to a longer one that morning).



Michael Pike

M E Pike  
Near Eastern Department

31 January 1972

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1 February, 1972.

cc Mr Laver

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# Sir Alec strikes a balance

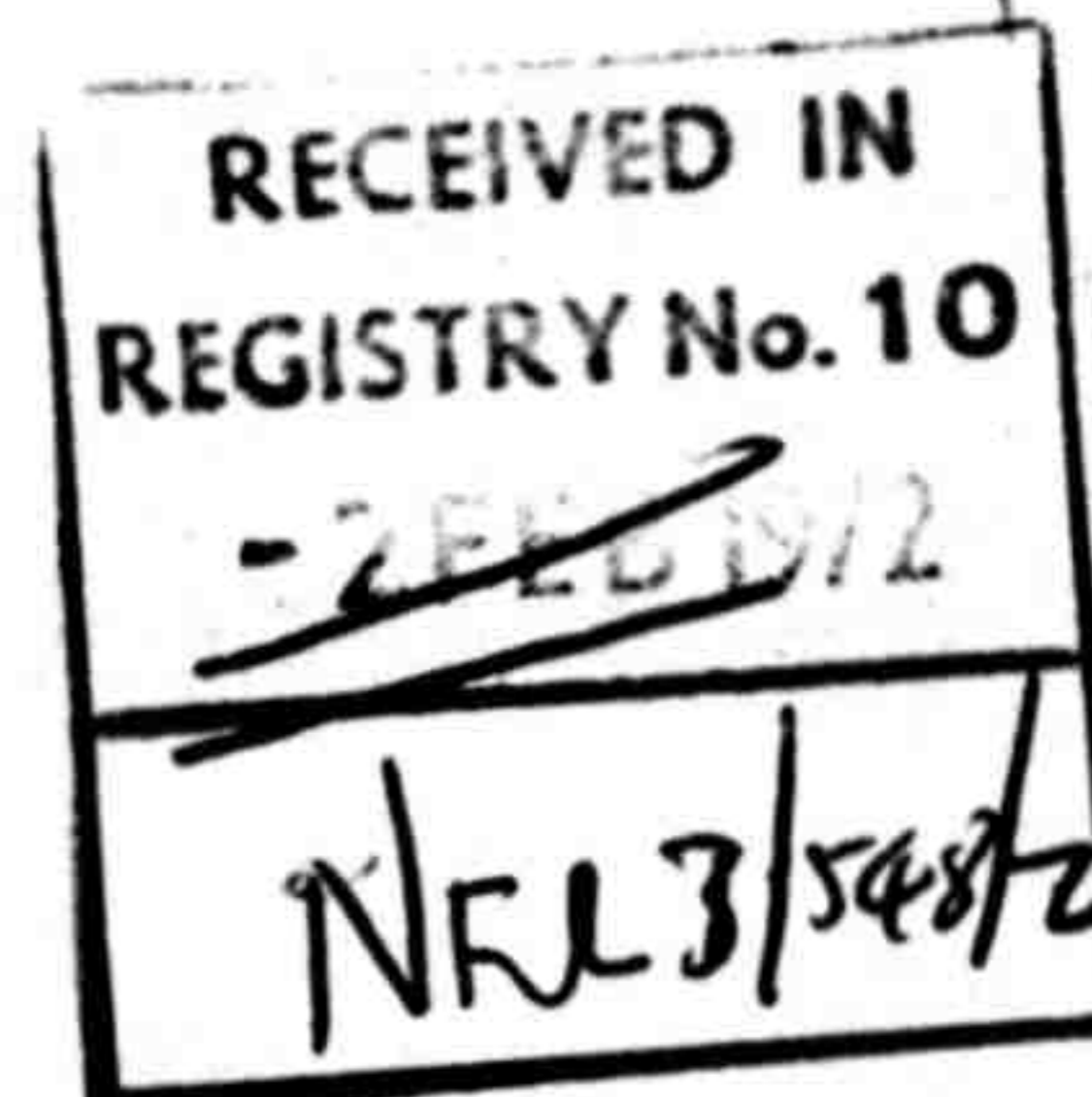
By our Diplomatic Correspondent

The Foreign Office announced last night that the visit to Israel by Sir Alec Douglas-Home will take place on March 21-24, after he returns from the journey to Japan and other points in Asia which will occupy him during most of February.

Although Whitehall is being careful to avoid comparisons, it is obvious that this forthcoming visit to Israel by the Foreign Secretary is the diplomatic "balancer" for the visit he made to Cairo last September as the guest of the Egyptian Government.

This was the famous occasion when Sir Alec was persuaded to put on Arab dress when visiting the Pyramids and was photographed on a camel for press and television in pictures that were subsequently seen around the world. No doubt there will be lively speculation about the prospects for a parallel photograph — another diplomatic balancer — when he is the guest of Mr Abba Eban in Israel.

It is expected that Sir Alec will also have talks with the Israeli Prime Minister, Mrs Golda Meir, and it is likely that he will make at least one major policy speech. The Israeli invitation came some months ago and had already been accepted in principle before the Foreign Secretary set off for Cairo last September.



Mr. Gann:

This is an accurate piece and a much more helpful one than Rindel's short note in today's Times (which News Department are endeavouring to correct).

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TO IMMEDIATE TEL AVIV TELEGRAM NUMBER 51 OF 2 FEBRUARY.

YOUR TELEGRAM NO 71: MY VISIT TO ISRAEL.

1. NEWS DEPARTMENT ARE PUTTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT WITH THE PRESS. THEY ARE MAKING IT CLEAR THAT THIS WILL BE THE FIRST VISIT TO ISRAEL BY A FOREIGN SECRETARY AS AN OFFICIAL GUEST OF THE ISRAEL GOVERNMENT (THIS VISIT WILL THEREFORE BE STRICTLY COMPARABLE WITH MR EBAN'S).

2. NEWS DEPARTMENT HAVE ALSO CLARIFIED THE POINT ABOUT THE SIGNATURE OF THE PRESIDENT'S BOOK.

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TO ROUTINE FCO TEL NO 78 OF 3.2.72 INFO JERUSALEM.

YOUR TELEGRAM NO 501 YOUR VISIT.

I HAVE CONVEYED YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROGRAMME AND OF MRS MEIR'S INVITATION TO LUNCHEON TO THE ISRAEL FOREIGN MINISTRY, WHO WERE MOST GRATEFUL.

2. THEY THINK THAT AS YOU ARE LUNCHING WITH MRS MEIR, YOU MAY ONLY NEED HALF-AN-HOUR OF SEPARATE TALKS FIRST. YOUR MEETING WITH MR EBAN COULD THEREFORE PERHAPS LAST A BIT LONGER.

3. IT NOW LOOKS AS IF MR EBAN CANNOT BE IN TEL AVIV FOR THE SECOND ROUND OF TALKS ON THE THURSDAY. IF SO, IT MAY BE BEST TO HAVE THEM IN JERUSALEM IN THE MORNING. THE BEST TIME FOR YOUR PRESS CONFERENCE WOULD PROBABLY BE 4.30 P.M. IN TEL AVIV. IF IT LASTED AN HOUR, THIS WOULD GIVE YOU TIME TO REACH OUR HOUSE FOR THE COCKTAIL PARTY AT 6 P.M. I AM AFRAID THIS WILL LEAVE LITTLE TIME FOR SIGHT-SEEING AND THE ISRAELIS SEEM TO ACCEPT THIS. BUT I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING IF THERE IS ANYTHING SPECIAL YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO IN THE SHORT TIME LIKELY TO BE AVAILABLE.

4. THE ISRAEL COMMONWEALTH ASSOCIATION AND THE ANGLO-ISRAEL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAVE AGREED TO HOLD A JOINT LUNCHEON, WITH GENERAL HERZOG, CHAIRMAN OF THE ASSOCIATION, IN THE CHAIR.

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5. IF YOU ARE COMING BY SCHEDULED SERVICE, YOU HAVE NO DOUBT  
TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT THE SLIGHT EXTRA SAFETY RISK. IF SO, HOWEVER,  
I HOPE THAT YOU WILL CONSIDER TRAVELLING ONE WAY BY BOAC,  
WHO HAVE BEEN HELPFUL TO US HERE, AND I SHOULD LIKE TO SPREAD  
OUR FAVOURS OVER THE TWO BRITISH AIRLINES. AS THERE IS NO  
BOAC FLIGHT BACK ON FRIDAY, I HOPE YOU COULD COME OUT BY  
BA770 ON MARCH 21ST. IT LEAVES LESS THAN TWO HOURS  
EARLIER AND ARRIVES AT A MORE COMFORTABLE TIME. THIS NEED  
NOT INTERFERE WITH OUR PLANS FOR A QUIET EVENING ON OUR OWN.  
THE FOOD IS ALSO BETTER ON BOAC.

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I do not know  
how you will  
view the idea of  
your meeting  
Palestinian groups  
or individuals. I'm  
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P M Laver Esq  
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Dear Patrick,

The Secretary of  
State's party  
R.M. Evans

Mr. P.M.

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SECRETARY OF STATE'S VISIT TO ISRAEL: REQUESTS FROM ARABS

1. When the announcement is made of the Secretary of State's visit to Israel, we must expect to be asked by Palestinian individuals and groups for an opportunity to see him and lay their point of view before him. This was what happened during the visit of Mr Rogers last May (Dando's letter 4/4 of 11 May, 1971). Among those who may approach us are Jamil Hamad of the group which used to call itself the Palestine National Alignment (Tony Parsons's letter NE 1/3 of 11 November 1971), and Anwar Nusseibeh. (Judging by what he has told me in the past, Nusseibeh would try to get the Secretary of State to endorse the Archbishop of Canterbury's suggestion that a halt should be called to Israeli building across the former Green Line: he would see this as a counter-balance on the Jordanian front of the cease fire on the Egyptian front).

2. If we receive such requests, we should propose to reply that we would pass them on, but could not be optimistic that any meeting would be possible in the limited time available. As the Secretary of State has recently visited Egypt and the present visit is at the official invitation of the Israel Government, I imagine that he would not in any case feel it appropriate to see Palestinians from East Jerusalem and the West Bank (as opposed to British subjects and institutions such as the St John Hospital). Moreover, it would be impossible to find a representative group of West Bankers, since there is no general agreement on what they want. Finally, if the Secretary of State agreed to see one group, it would be difficult to refuse a meeting with other groups.

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3. But if there are only one or two requests of this sort, it would be helpful to us in diverting the pressure and in our future relations with the people concerned if Tony Parsons could find time to detach himself from the Secretary of State in order to meet them in the Consulate-General. I would not propose to give any commitment to this effect until a few days before the arrival of the party, and in the meantime would merely offer to pass on to the Secretary of State any memoranda they liked to send us.

4. The other person who might conceivably ask if the Secretary of State could pay him a courtesy call is Major-General Siilasvuo, the Chief of Staff of UNTSO, whose office at "Government House" lies in the pre-1967 no-mans-land about 10 minutes drive from the centre of Jerusalem.

5. There is clearly no need to take an advance decision on these hypothetical matters, but you may wish to be forewarned.

*Yours ever,*

*John.*

J M O Snodgrass

c.c

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Mr Evans

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The Lord. You will no  
doubt write to me?

Snodgrass (bringing Amman  
into the picture).

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SECRETARY OF STATE'S VISIT TO ISRAEL

----- (46) Mr. Snodgrass's letter of 24 January attached.

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Draft reply to Mr. Snodgrass  
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2. I agree that the Secretary of State should definitely not see groups of Palestinians while on an official visit to Israel. I also agree that I should not see Palestinians while I am with the Secretary of State's party and I think it would be inadvisable for me to do so when the visit is over. The Israelis may not be 100 per cent happy in any case at the thought of my going straight to Amman, Beirut and Cairo. They would have genuine ground for complaint if I went straight from seeing the Secretary of State off to get into a huddle with a lot of Palestinians in East Jerusalem.
3. I suggest that we tell Mr. Snodgrass this before he actually receives requests. If Jamil Hamad and/or Anwar Nusseibeh or any other Palestinians want to see me, they can do so in Amman.

ADP

A D Parsons

28 January 1972

Mr. Parsons. You may wish to look at the draft before it comes, since it covers points additional to those mentioned in your minute above

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S VISIT TO ISRAEL: REQUESTS FROM ARABS

1. Thank you for the warning note sounded in your letter of 24 January (which Tony Parsons has seen). (46)

2. We agree (paragraph 2 of your letter) that it would not be appropriate for the Secretary of State to receive individual Palestinians or groups of Palestinians during his visit to Israel. Tony Parsons also feels that it would be inadvisable for himself to do so either, even after the Secretary of State's visit is over: the Israelis may, in any case, not be altogether happy about the thought of his going directly from Israel to Amman, Beirut and Cairo; and they would have genuine grounds for complaint if he saw Palestinians in East Jerusalem at any stage. If men like Jamil Hamad and Anwar Nusseibeh really wanted to see Parsons, they could presumably do so during his visit to Amman, but we think it would be a mistake for you to suggest this to them.

3. We do not see how you could refuse to accept petitions or memoranda for transmission to the Secretary of State (not least of the precedents set before Mr Rogers' visit) if you are asked to do so. But I know that you are fully alive to the importance of handling Palestinian delegations (particularly in the period leading up to the Secretary of State's visit and during it) in such a way as to give the minimum offence to Israeli susceptibilities.

4. Subject to Peter Foster's views, we would see no objection in principle to the Secretary of State's paying a brief courtesy call on General Siilasvuo, if the latter requests it and if time permits.

**P M Laver**  
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cc HE Mr J F S Phillips CMG, AMMAN  
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THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S VISIT TO ISRAEL

1. Tel Aviv telegram No 78 reached us this morning and we have not therefore been able to consult the Secretary of State (who leaves today for his Asian tour) on the suggestions in paragraphs 3 and 5.
2. The Private Office have however told us that they would see no objection to talks with Mr Eban in Jerusalem rather than Tel Aviv nor to a press conference at 4.30 pm in Tel Aviv (paragraph 3 of your telegram). They will be writing to you directly about sight-seeing although they doubt if it will prove possible to give you a firm reply before the Secretary of State returns to this country.
3. Their preliminary reaction to the suggestion in your paragraph 5 is not encouraging : they doubt if the Secretary of State would be able to get away from London before about 1.30 pm (he is likely to be fully engaged that morning) but they have undertaken to consult the Secretary of State on this point immediately after his return.

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TO ROUTINE JERUSALEM TEL NO 4 OF 7/2 INFO TO TEL AVIV.

H M AMBASSADOR AT TEL AVIV'S LETTER <sup>ALLR</sup> TO PARSONS OF 1 FEBRUARY  
AND LAVER'S LETTER TO YOU OF 4 FEBRUARY. (47)

CALL BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE ON GENERAL SILILASVOU.

1. WE AGREE WITH PARAGRAPH 5 OF HM AMBASSADOR AT TEL AVIV'S  
LETTER UNDER REFERENCE. PARSONS WILL BE REPLYING DIRECTLY TO HIM  
ON THE OTHER POINTS IN THIS LETTER.

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TO PRIORITY FCO TELNO 83 OF 7 FEBRUARY INFO JERUSALEM.

MY TELEGRAM NO 78: <sup>(45)</sup> YOUR VISIT.

WHEN I WAS SEEING HIM ON OTHER BUSINESS TODAY, LOURIE RAISED  
A NUMBER OF POINTS ON THE PROGRAMME.

2. WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO MEET THE PRESS AT THE AIRPORT ON  
ARRIVAL AND MAKE A BRIEF STATEMENT IN WHICH YOU WOULD SAY THAT  
YOU WOULD BE HAVING A PRESS CONFERENCE LATER AND DID NOT THERE-  
FORE WANT TO ANSWER QUESTIONS OF SUBSTANCE AT THAT STAGE? MR EBAN  
WILL MEET YOU AND WILL PROBABLY SAY SOME WORDS OF WELCOME BEFORE THE  
CAMERA. INCIDENTALLY, I THINK IT WOULD BE EASIER FOR MR EBAN AND  
OTHERS WITH EVENING ENGAGEMENTS IF YOU COULD COME BY THE SLIGHTLY  
EARLIER B O A C PLANE.

3. THE ISRAELIS WERE WONDERING WHETHER TO INVITE OTHER  
COMMONWEALTH AMBASSADORS (AUSTRALIAN CANADIAN AND GHANAIAN) TO  
THE AIRPORT. I SAID I THOUGHT YOU WOULD NOT WANT THIS. WOULD  
YOU PLEASE CONFIRM THAT I AM RIGHT? THEY WOULD BE ASKED TO THE  
PUBLIC LUNCHEON QUA ISRAEL/COMMONWEALTH BUT NOT TO THE DINNERS.

4. TO FOLLOW PRECEDENTS WITH OTHER FOREIGN MINISTERS, THE  
PRESIDENT WOULD LIKE A QUARTER OF AN HOUR'S TALK WITH YOU WHEN  
YOU SIGN HIS BOOK. NO FORMAL SPEECHES. I HOPE THIS IS ALL  
RIGHT.

5. ON THE THURSDAY, THEY NOW PROPOSE THE SECOND ROUND OF TALKS  
IN JERUSALEM IN THE MORNING. THEY ARE ALSO HOPING TO ARRANGE  
FOR THE PUBLIC LUNCHEON TO BE IN JERUSALEM. THIS IS BECAUSE  
SOME CRITICISM HAS BEEN VOICED THAT OUR PARTIES THAT EVENING

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ARE TO BE IN TEL AVIV. IF THE LUNCHEON IS IN JERUSALEM, YOU COULD PERHAPS DO SOME SIGHT-SEEING BETWEEN THE TALKS AND LUNCHEON E.G. THE ISRAEL MUSEUM WHICH HAS SOME NEW POST-IMPRESSIONISTS AS WELL AS ANCIENT HISTORY OR THE CHAGALL WINDOWS AT THE HADASSA HOSPITAL.

6. THE PRESS CONFERENCE COULD THEN ALSO BE IN JERUSALEM AFTER LUNCHEON. THERE ARE GOOD FACILITIES THERE AND THIS WAY YOU MIGHT HAVE A BETTER AUDIENCE AS MOST OF THE JOURNALISTS ARE BASED AT JERUSALEM.

7. COULD YOU PLEASE LET ME HAVE COMMENTS ON THESE IDEAS AS SOON AS YOU CAN? I AM WRITING SEPARATELY TO YOUR PRIVATE SECRETARY ABOUT SOME MINOR POINTS.

BARNES.

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